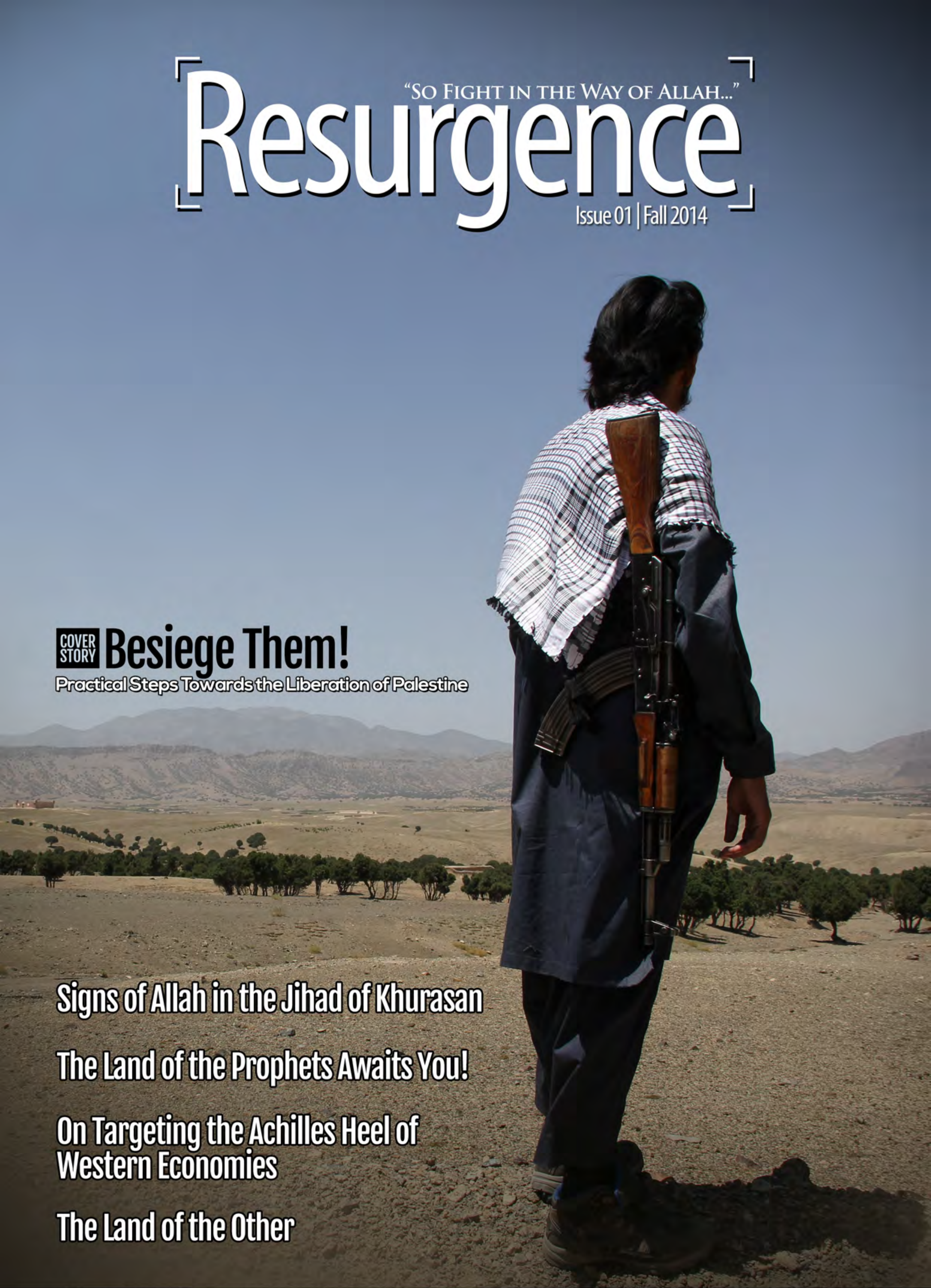
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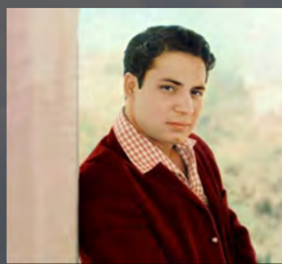


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from the Editor

Dear Reader,

More than a decade has passed since the watershed of 9/11. Thirteen years on, one cannot fail to appreciate the forces of change that were put into motion by this seismic event. While it is true that our struggle did not begin with 9/11 and the roots of our Jihad lie much deeper in faith and history, it's still worth reflecting on the course that events have taken since.

At the brink of a humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Western world finds it expedient today to feign ignorance of all the vain boasts of smoking us out of our 'caves' and bombing us into the stone-age. Within a decade or so, western leaders and intellectuals obsessed with 'reforming Islam', 'building moderate Muslim networks' and 'drying the swamps' that sustain Jihad are having a hard time getting their heads around the revival of Islam from the farthest corners of the Muslim world in East Asia all the way to the Islamic Maghreb. The superficial intellectualism instilled in western universities will always prove inadequate to comprehend the extraordinary resilience of a faith that flourishes in the face of adversity and inspires people to sacrifice this life for the Hereafter.

The West ignored some profound realities when it decided to enter into a seemingly endless confrontation with Islam and Muslims. The Western world did not come to this realization then and lacks the moral courage to accept this even today that it was not fighting a few hundred men besieged at Tora Bora. In fact, it wasn't even confronting a billion-odd Muslim Ummah; it was up against none other than the Creator Himself. So let the disbelieving world pool all its material resources, build bigger and more powerful alliances to eradicate Islam, and dedicate entire national budgets to fighting the Mujahideen, but these attempts to defy the forces of history are bound to fail.

"Indeed those who disbelieve spend their wealth to avert people from the way of Allah. So they shall spend it; then it shall be for them a source of regret; then they will be overcome. And those who have disbelieved-unto Hell they will be gathered." (Al Quran, 8:36)

Perhaps the Western world had forgotten that this is not the era of the fall of the Caliphate. This is not the century in which the Ummah was divided into hastily carved up nation-states crippled by the death grip of a neo-imperial system. This is not the age of Arab nationalism, socialism or secular liberal ideologies. It is an era of hope for the Ummah; an era in which the restoration of the Caliphate and the liberation of Al Aqsa is an increasingly plausible ideal. It is the era in which the Ummah is transcending artificial boundaries that had divided it. This, indeed, is the century of Islam's revival in all facets of life.

Allah, the Glorious, says: "O you who believe! Answer the call of Allah and His Messenger when He calls you to that which gives you life." (8:24) According to some commentators, such as Ibn-e-Ishaq, one of the meanings of 'that which gives you life' is Jihad. In the recent past, a vast swath of the Ummah has responded



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to the call of Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him). Jihad has led to the resurgence of this Ummah, bringing it back to life after decades of subjugation to its enemies. In the short span of just three decades, two self-proclaimed superpowers have suffered humiliating defeats at the hands of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan. For those whose hearts have been blinded by the material advancement of the West, the consecutive defeats of the two most technologically advanced nations in the world (the Soviet Union followed by the United States and its NATO allies) at the hands of the most impoverished people on earth contain plenty of signs to ponder upon. If anything, it is a reminder that the Ummah that created history at Yarmouk, Qadissiyah and Hitteen is still capable of repeating the same feats. We have equally strong hope that the Jihad in Syria will successfully reach its destination, inspite of the intrigues by the West and its lackeys in the Arab world, the flow of men and money for Bashar's regime from Iran and its Rafidhi allies, and the hurdles created by those who have turned their guns against the Mujahideen instead of the Nusairi enemy. The success of the Ummah's Jihad in Syria will *inshallah* prove to be no less significant a landmark in the contemporary history of Islam than the defeat of the United States and its allies in Afghanistan. With the permission of Allah, the victory of the Ummah there will not merely be a deathblow for the rising tide of Safavid expansionism in the Muslim world, but also a bitter defeat for America, Iran, Russia, China and all those who have fought this war by proxy against Muslims. Above all, it will be a stepping stone towards the liberation of Al Aqsa and the emancipation of our besieged brothers in Gaza and the rest of Palestine.

This wave of Jihad that originated in Afghanistan and has spread to Iraq, the Levant and North Africa is also the ultimate hope of the Muslims of the Subcontinent. It was Jihad that brought Islam to the Indian Subcontinent, and it will be Jihad again that will overturn the legacy of imperialism from Pakistan to Bangladesh and beyond. The Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Allah has saved two groups of my Ummah from the Hellfire: the group that will invade *Al Hind* (the Subcontinent) and the group that will be with Eesa (A.S), the son of Mariam." It is also narrated on account of Abu Hurrairah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) promised us the conquest of *Al Hind* (the Indian Subcontinent). If I am able to join it, I will spend on it my wealth and my life. If I am killed, I will be the best of martyrs and if I return, I will be Abu Hurrairah, the freed one (i.e. from Hellfire)."

We in Al Qa'eda in the Subcontinent are today fighting in Afghanistan and Pakistan to make the Word of Allah

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Red Fort, Delhi

supreme. This Jihad will not end with the establishment of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan, *inshallah*. It is our hope that the blood of our martyrs in Afghanistan and Pakistan will pave the way for the liberation of Muslims from Kashmir to Arakan and the establishment of the Shariah as the supreme authority throughout the Indian Subcontinent.

As an effort to spread the message of Islam and support the revival of Jihad, As-Sahab (Subcontinent) has launched Resurgence, a magazine that will primarily focus on issues concerning the Muslims of the Subcontinent, besides encouraging Muslims in every corner of the globe to target the arch enemy of Islam and Muslims, the United States.

Resurgence is a humble effort to promote a correct understanding of Jihad and explain its relevance to contemporary issues facing Muslims. At the same time, it is a call to arms for the youth of a nation that shoulders the responsibility of bringing mankind to the Truth. We believe that the youth of this Ummah- specially the millions of young men and women from Pakistan to Bangladesh- need to do some soul searching and ask themselves this question: Are we really fulfilling our potential or just wasting our energies for the sake of a dull and futile existence dictated by social pressure? Surely, there is more to life than a rat race that only ends with an uneventful departure from this world.

So my dear brothers: Let us try to live more meaningful lives that can make a difference to the future of this Ummah. And rest assured, there cannot be a life more purposeful than the life Jihad has to offer.

Regards,
Hassaan Yusuf

➤ History Check



On May 18, 1944, 32,000 Russian NKVD troops gave a 30 minutes deadline to the Tatar Muslims in Crimea to pack up their personal belongings. Some 238,500 Tatars were herded into cattle trains and deported to various administrative divisions of USSR. Between May 1944 and January 1947, 109,956 (46.2% of the deportees) died due to starvation and disease. Tatars serving in the Red Army, as well as many survivors of the deportation, were forced to serve in Gulags (forced labour camps) in Siberia, the Ural Mountains and other areas with harsh climatic conditions.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Islamic Emirate of Afghanistān

"The rigged election process carried out in Kabul recently has not only exposed the puppet government in Kabul, but has also laid bare the reality of western democracy. The occupiers and their agents sought to convince the Afghan nation that a democratic change was underway. But the Afghan nation, from the outset, was fully aware of the enemy's designs, and it therefore refused to participate in the elections. Now, it has become manifestly clear that the election process and the idea of bringing about change through the ballot box were no more than empty slogans designed to deceive the people, create schisms, and ignite the fire of ethnic, regional and linguistic divisions. Today, people have seen that the American-sponsored elections have turned into a drama like all previous elections conducted under the shade of the occupation. The real authority and the reigns of power in the Kabul administration are still in the hands of America. Its proxies have no choice but to follow the agenda dictated by their American masters, without taking into account the interests of the people or the country.

We would like to convey this message to America and the European countries that have forces deployed in Afghanistan or want to establish permanent military bases so as to safeguard their political clout in this country that you should leave the Afghans alone so that they may form a free and independent Islamic government in accordance with their religious and national aspirations. The fact that you seek to deprive them of this right is an act of injustice and a violation of the values of humanity. Rest assured that the result of this crime will be no different from what you have experienced at our hands during the last thirteen years of your occupation. Perhaps you would have realized by now that the Afghan nation has a rich history of Jihad and heroism in defense of its religion and freedom. This nation does not accept humiliation or the imposition of puppet governments.

We believe that the war in Afghanistan will not end until all occupation forces have departed from the country and a purely free Islamic government is established in Afghanistan. The presence of even a limited number of occupation forces, whatever the pretext may be, will necessitate the continuation of the war. Any attempt to prolong the occupation is something that will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

We warn those who intend to enter into security agreements with the occupier to refrain from creating the conditions for the continuation of the occupation and a prolongation of this war. The continued presence of occupation forces is not in anyone's interests. If the war continues, the security situation in the country and the region will only deteriorate. It will delay the establishment of an Islamic system in Afghanistan, become a cause of political instability, and keep the country divided, besides expanding the ideological and cultural war of the enemy and destroying the future of coming generations.

We condemn and denounce the savage aggression of the Israeli usurper entity against the oppressed Palestinians which has killed, wounded and displaced hundreds and thousands in the blessed month of Ramadan. We call upon the world – and the Islamic world in particular – not to keep silent towards these crimes, because keeping silent towards them is unjust and means that everyone loses; and urgent and practical steps must be taken to prevent this oppression and aggression lest the security of the region and world worsen."

Amīr ul Mominīn
Mullah Muhammad Umar Mujahid
(*An Excerpt from the Eid -al-Fitr Message, 1435*)

Source: Shahamat English (Official website for the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan)

PRESS RELEASE, September 16, 2014

Osama Mahmood (may Allah protect him)
Spokesman of Al Qa'eda in the Subcontinent

AL QA'EDA IN THE SUBCONTINENT

Operation against the American Navy by the Mujahideen

Reasons and Objectives

In the Name of Allah. All praise belongs to Allah. May peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.

By the grace of Allah, an extraordinarily bold and audacious plan was prepared by the Mujahideen from Al Qa'eda in the Subcontinent- a new branch of Al Qa'eda- to target the American military and its allies on the seas. All praise belongs to Allah alone Who guided the Mujahideen to undertake this operation and brought the plan to the final stages of execution.

The Armed Forces of Pakistan- through their mouthpiece, the ISPR (Inter Services Public Relations)- are deliberately trying to cover the nature and actual targets of the operation. In an attempt to conceal the failure of their pro-American policies and mislead the world, the attack was presented by the ISPR and the spokesman of the Pakistan Navy as an attack solely on the Pakistan Navy- specifically the Naval Dockyard in Karachi. The reality is that the real target of the operation was the American Naval fleet in the Indian Ocean, which was to be targeted using Pakistani warships, including the frigate, PNS Zulfiqar. The attackers were portrayed as outsiders who had infiltrated a Pakistani naval installation; whereas all the participants of this daring operation were commissioned officers of the Pakistan Navy.

We salute the depth of belief and the courage of these officers. Allah the Glorious granted them the good fortune of reading the Book of Allah with contemplation and reflection. They responded to the call of the scholars of Jihad and joined the ranks of the Mujahideen to fulfill their individual obligation. These officers refused to become a part of the rat race of 'promotions and benefits', and instead opted to perform Jihad against America and her allies.

This was not only an operation against the Americans, but even more importantly, this was also a mutiny by serving officers of the Pakistan Navy against the policy of extreme servitude and subservience to America that is being pursued by the Pakistani Armed Forces and the establishment. By the grace of Allah, this is the first overt split in the fragile fabric of the Armed Forces of Pakistan; and Allah-willing, it won't be the last.

With their valiant attempt to target America's naval capability in regional waters, these officers have taught a valuable lesson to all those in the Army, Air Force and Navy who still have some semblance of faith left in their hearts: namely, that obeying Allah and serving His religion takes precedence over obeying the orders of their commanding officers to serve America. This mutiny should also inspire those officers and soldiers who have for years suppressed their bitter disagreement with the pro-American policies of the Armed Forces to stand up in defiance against this deliberate subservience to America and offer their blood for the defense of Islam, instead of wasting their lives for the protection of a system based on disbelief.

Reasons for Targeting America

Al Qa'eda in the Subcontinent follows the methodology of the martyr of Islam, Shaykh Osama bin Laden, in considering America to be its primary enemy and the foremost target of its military capability. The reasons for this are as follows:

- America considers Islam to be its primary enemy and a threat to the very foundations of its existence. It has waged an incessant war against Islam and Muslims that has become increasingly overt over the last two decades. America considers it to be its foremost duty to crush every Islamic movement struggling for the ascendancy of Islam.

- America is the patron-in-chief of Israel and the real cause of the existence of this oppressive and corrupt Zionist entity. America is equally responsible for every single act of oppression carried out against our brethren in Gaza and the rest of Palestine.

- America is responsible for the shedding of Muslim blood in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Mali, Burma, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and the rest of the Islamic world.

- America also bears responsibility for the tyranny, oppression and poverty from which the Muslim masses of the region are suffering. In this age of neo-colonialism, America has established colonies in the Muslim world through proxy rulers and apostate armies. Using these puppet rulers, America plunders the wealth and resources of the Muslim Ummah; while the vast majority of Muslims live in abject poverty.

- In an attempt to subvert the religion of the Muslim masses, America defends and supports individuals, movements, and organizations which spread secularism and apostasy in the Islamic world.

Why were Naval Targets Selected?

- It is because of their naval strength that America and its allies have been able to impose a military and economic stranglehold on the Muslim world, especially the land of Makkah and Madinah. America's naval-military capability represents the backbone of its global empire of oppression. Using its seven naval commands, America rules the seas and oceans of the world; and in this way, America is able to control vital maritime trade routes and straits in the Muslim world and pillage the resources of the Ummah. These same resources are then employed by America to perpetuate its aggression against the Muslim world.

- It is from American naval bases that fighter jets take off to rain death and destruction on the oppressed peoples of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Iraq and other Muslim countries. And the Crusader armies that are fighting against the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan are also provided logistical support using this naval force.

This is why we say to America: as long as you continue to wage your war against Islam, and persist in your support for the Zionist Israeli state and for the apostate regimes that have been imposed by force on the Muslim masses, obedient slaves of their Lord, like Major Nidal Hasan and these officers of the Pakistan Navy will continue to emerge from your ranks and the ranks of your allies to make your worst nightmares come true.

"And Allah has full power and control over His affairs, but most people do not know." (Surah Yusuf, Ayah 21)

Further details of this operation will be released in the coming days and weeks, with Allah's permission.

And may peace and blessings be upon the best of creation, Muhammad, and upon his family and Companions.

Perspectives 90°



Abdul Bari Atwan on the release of diplomatic cables of American embassies (Al Hiwar)

"Unfortunately, Arab leaders are masters of hypocrisy and deception. They'll come and say let's liberate Palestine, let's destroy Israel, we want to stop Israeli settlements, and so on. But when they meet westerners and Americans, they say something totally different. They'll tell them... besiege this, destroy that... It's a happy day for us. We are seeing the reality of our leaders!"



Colonel Abdul Jabbar Akeedi, Former Head of the Military Council in Halab (Al Minbar as Suri)

"The international community-America, the West, and everyone else- is not serious in the removal of Bashar al Assad's regime. I said this to Robert Ford in no uncertain terms. In fact, I told him that the Americans were supporting Bashar al Assad. They want to prolong this war for as long as possible, until Syria is completely destroyed and the casualties are in the millions."

"Increasingly, think tanks have become an element within the military industrial complex because that's where a lot of the ideas are promoted; ideas that will result in keeping the Pentagon budget as high as possible."



William Hartung, Center for International Policy (People & Power, America's War Games)





Robert Grenier, Former Head of Counter-Terrorism, CIA (Commenting on the American withdrawal from Afghanistan, Think2013)

"The situation that we are in right now mirrors the situation that we were in right after 9/11. It is a little bit discouraging that we have made so little linear progress in the last twelve years, but there we are."

"I do not fear for my safety. I know they are going to kill me, but I am a Muslim; a true Muslim. I believe that my life and death is in the hands of Allah. I will only die the day Allah has ordained for me to die, not a moment before or a moment after."



Shaykh Abu Bakar Sharif Ahmad (may Allah accept him). The Shaykh was martyred by Kenyan Special Forces for his support for Jihad in Somalia.



Warrant Officer **Klaus Augustinos** (Danish Army), Trainer of the Afghan National Army (An Army Prepares)

"It has a huge impact because I have to consider that I am down here for 7 months and I want to go home to my relatives and my family. Because of all the green on blue I am not getting close to the student. If I get close to one of these, (then I have to ask myself) is this the one who is going to get me?"



Warren Weinstein, American Prisoner of War (As-Sahab Media)

"Now when I need my government, it seems that I have been totally abandoned and forgotten. You are now in your second term as President of the United States, and that means you can take hard decisions without worrying about reelection, and so I again appeal to you to instruct your appropriate officials to negotiate my release."



Dr. Abdullah Nafeesi (Speaking to Al Yaum TV)

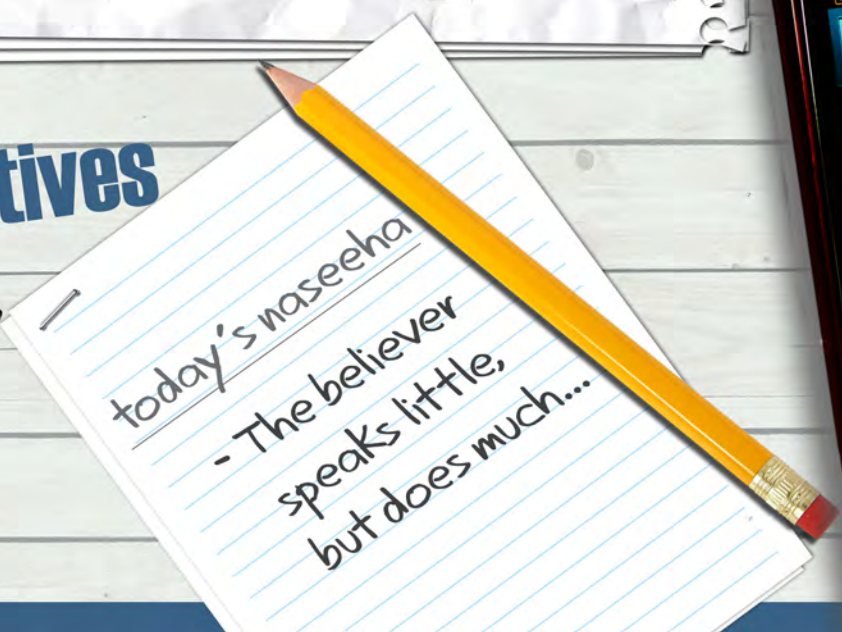
"Israel is deeply interested in something extremely dangerous: turning Iran, from a (publically declared) strategic enemy, into a strategic ally. Iran and Israel face the same strategic dilemmas. Both Iran and Israel have a military edge over their Arab neighbours. Therefore, these two countries are expansionist. You will notice that Iran has occupied Ahwaz, which is an area of about 160,000 sq km...i.e. 8 times larger than Palestine. We have been crying Palestine...Palestine for sixty years! But the power occupying Arab land, even more than Israel, is Iran due to its occupation of Ahwaz."

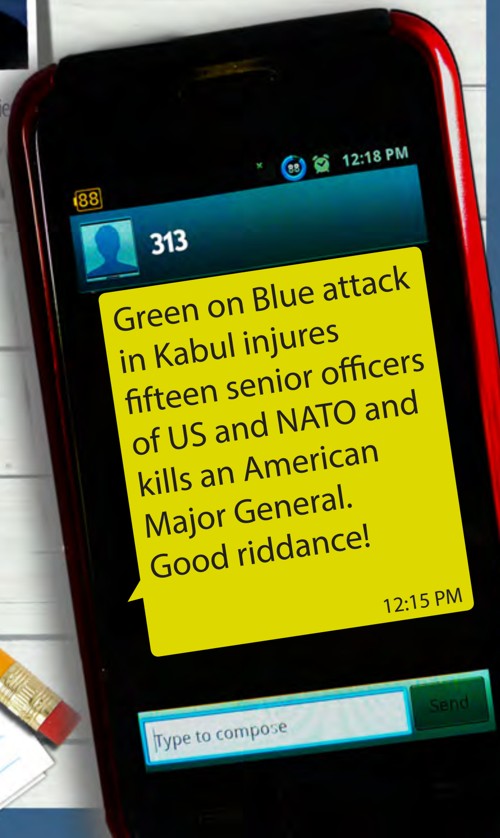


Nathan Freed Wessler, American Civil Libertie Union (Attack of the Drones)

"The United States claims the ability to use these drones to kill people all over the world. I suspect that the United States will not be so happy if a country like Russia, China or Iran claims the same authority and starts going after United States citizens or others. It's really a dangerous precedent."

Perspectives







Muhammad Saeed Ismail, Prominent Muslim Leader in the Central African Republic

"More than 350 mosques have been destroyed in the Central African Republic. The Holy Quran was torn up and trampled beneath the feet. Children, the elderly, and women were killed; at times slaughtered; their bodies torn up with machetes. People were burnt alive. The French forces disarm Muslims.The anti-Balaka come afterwards to kill the same people. This is the conspiracy that has taken place in CAR."

"One of the points I am beginning to think through now is that those lines drawn after World War I by Mr. Sykes and Mr. Picot don't matter the way they used to. At the end of this, we may see those lines go away."



Michael Hayden, Former Director of NSA & Director, CIA (2006-2009), (Commenting on the Implications of the Jihad in Syria)



Shahzad Mirza Akbar, Pakistani Human Rights Lawyer (Commenting on the use of drones in Waziristan, Russia Today)

"I'd simply call it a concentration camp. You have built a wall of the military and behind that wall you are keeping eight hundred thousand people who are not allowed to come out and no one from the rest of the country is allowed to go in. That's the kind of laboratory that the United States is using to test its drone programme."

"Rumsfeld knew damn well he'd be out of office and he wouldn't have to answer that question. What do we do with them? Do we leave them there forever? As an American citizen who is not a coward, I'd be willing to release every one of them tomorrow morning, and face them on the battlefield again if necessary. But we've got a lot of cowards in this country these days."



Col Lawrence Wilkerson, Former Chief of Staff to Colin Powell (Life after Guantanamo)

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Pakistan







In the latest crime to be committed in the name of 'national security' in this country, almost a million people have been forced out of their homes, forced to live a life of refugees in their own country. For those who could manage to avoid this humiliation, fleeing to neighbouring Afghanistan seemed a more respectable choice, where the puppet government of Karzai has put up a *relatively* better show of humanitarian concern than the sort of cruel indifference that has characterized the response of Nawaz Sharif's government to a humanitarian crisis of its own making.

Lacking the minimal concern for civilian life that would be expected even from a foreign army bent on conquering 'enemy' territory, the Pakistan Army gave a deadline of only three days for the exodus of hundreds of thousands of impoverished civilians, many of whom were besieged in remote areas without adequate transportation facilities. The crisis was made acute amidst a severe fuel shortage caused by the indefinite curfews imposed by the Army in the weeks prior to the operation. Heart-rending scenes, some reminiscent of the Swat operation, were witnessed yet again: dozens of women and children cramped in tractor-driven lorries used for transporting animals; desperate women, children and the elderly herded like cattle in the back of trucks; and the seemingly endless queues of families migrating to Afghanistan on foot. This time around, the people of North Waziristan too got a taste of the mechanical discipline of the Army. The road leading to the Ghulam Khan border at Khost was closed. There was only one officially sanctioned route out of North Waziristan: intrusive checking at Khajuri and Bakkakhel, the cumbersome process of identification and registration, and straight on to the refugee camps set up in the scorching heat of Bannu. People living in densely populated areas like Mir Ali, Miranshah and Dattakhel were each given only a single day to pack up their belongings, arrange a pickup/truck amidst a severe shortage of both transport vehicles and fuel, and make their way to 'safety'. Rest assured, this humiliation will live on in the memory of these fiercely independent people and they will wait for the day when they can return the Army's favour.

The real purpose for this operation is too obvious to need explanation: ensuring the safety of the Ghulam Khan-Bannu highway for a safe withdrawal of Pakistan Army's masters from Afghanistan. In the wake of tensions with Russia over the crisis in Crimea, the supply route known as the Northern Distribution Network is no longer a viable option for America's withdrawal from Afghanistan. It is in this context that the United States had been pressing its lackeys in Pakistan to initiate the North Waziristan operation so that at least the area between Boya and Mir Ali is cleared of 'enemy presence'.

With every passing day it is also becoming increasingly clear that this operation is a last ditch effort by the Americans- with the full support of their proxies in Pakistan- to mitigate the humiliation of defeat in Afghanistan by claiming a victory in Waziristan. American drones and Pakistani fighter jets have so far invariably operated in tandem for carrying out air strikes inside what is

supposedly Pakistani air space. In some cases, American jets have carried out bombing raids inside North Waziristan, while ISPR has claimed the credit for these air strikes.

The desperation of the Americans and their Pakistani *counterparts* is just another proof of the fact that the Americans and their allies had lost this war the day they decided to invade Afghanistan. The mark of a loser is that he continuously changes his goal post in a conflict by redefining the mission objective every now and then. In the case of the Afghan war, the Americans have oscillated from making loud-sounding claims at the start of the war to eating the humble pie at the end. Initially, the aim was the overthrow of the Taliban government and the defeat of Al Qa'eda. In the wake of the Taliban's withdrawal from Kabul and other cities, the Americans could not resist the temptations that come with imperial hubris. The mission was broadened to include more ambitious aims such as 'nation-building' and forming a viable Afghan 'National' Army. Today, in a miserable attempt at face-saving, the American government wants the world to believe that the scope of their over-a-decade-long war was restricted to just the elimination of the leadership of Al Qa'eda!



As far as the self-styled 'defenders of Pakistan' are concerned, they have achieved little besides harassing ordinary people in different parts of North Waziristan by destroying their homes and properties with the indiscriminate and ruthless use of artillery shelling and aerial bombardment. By the grace of Allah (swt), most of the Mujahideen have withdrawn safely from Mir Ali, Miranshah and Deegon to more remote areas. A protracted guerilla war is what now awaits the Army in North Waziristan, *inshallah*.



Contrary to the claims of 'significant progress' by the Army, very few Mujahideen have actually been martyred in the fighting so far. Meanwhile, the Army has sustained losses in different guerilla-style attacks carried out in Mir Ali, Miranshah and Deegon. Most notably, in the third week of June, five vehicles of the Army were completely destroyed and up to fifteen soldiers were reportedly killed in an ambush of an Army convoy in Deegon. On the fifth of July, in two ambushes carried out against the Army's convoys in Hamzoni and Saidgai, thirty seven soldiers were reportedly killed. The Army has also sustained losses in IED attacks carried out in Miranshah and Mir Ali, besides a mortar attack on Boya Camp, frequent missile attacks on the Army's camps/posts in Miranshah, Dattakhel and Kharqamar, as well as a skirmish inside Dattakhel Bazaar lately, which resulted in the death of some of its soldiers. The Army has so far shunned direct confrontation with the Mujahideen. Instead of military tactics, it has mainly relied on political moves, exploiting deep-rooted historical tribal divisions to play off one tribe against another, and neutralizing some local groups with dubious loyalties by purchasing their 'leadership'.



However, Raheel Shareef and his gang of mercenaries should know that their newly acquired counter-insurgency (COIN) expertise will prove to be only more useless than the COIN strategies of General David Petraeus in Afghanistan. Where 40-odd professionally trained and heavily equipped armies have failed, three or four divisions of mercenaries lacking in morale and motivation are unlikely to return home alive at the end of this. The Army may have decided when and where to begin this war, but bringing it to an end is not a choice of its making…

India



On Democracy and Empowerment…

There is something intrinsically good about democracy that we often fail to appreciate: it empowers the worst of the worse. In fact, we see this phenomenon repeating itself in different democratic countries with different socio-political dynamics. We have seen democracy deliver goofs like George W Bush, perverts like Nicolas Sarkozy and compulsive killers like Ariel Sharon. The fact that the world's largest democracy has now thrown up a Hindu fanatic and mass murderer in the form of Nirendera Modi should not come as a surprise then. After all, Hitler was also elected democratically.

Muzaffarnagar



Life of Destitution in India's 'Sugar-Bowl'...

Muzaffarnagar is a Muslim majority district in western Uttar Pradesh, a region dubbed as India's 'sugar bowl' because of its agrarian boom. Late last year, this district became the site of the latest genocide of Muslims in India. Thousands were killed, hundreds maimed, and properties of Muslims were set on fire. Of the 42,000 or so left homeless, the majority continue to live a life of destitution and insecurity in makeshift refugee camps at Shamili and Muzafarnagar. After a bitter winter in the refugee camps, during which dozens of children and the elderly died as a result of inadequate clothing and food, the refugees continue to live a life of misery in the scorching heat of summer.

Kerala



Wealth of Brahmins in Apartheid India...

The discovery of a treasure worth at least 22 billion dollars that had been hidden for centuries in the vaults of a Hindu temple in Trivandrum, Kerala, has revealed the extent of the wealth owned by India's Brahmins. The treasure discovered at the 16th century Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple included statues of gold, studded with diamonds, rubies and precious stones, besides crowns, necklaces and coins of gold and silver. The volume of gold and silver coins was so great that the investigators examining the vaults were forced to weigh the coins by the sackful, instead of counting them.

There are at least one million temples in India, holding over a million acre of agricultural land, commercial enterprises and property to the tune of billions of dollars. The real beneficiary of this wealth- technically 'owned' by the temples- is the Brahmin class. The donations for the temples, however, come mainly from the rest of the Hindu society, including lower caste Shudars. The Brahmin class- a mere 5% of India's population- rules over the rest of the 95%. When 15% whites rule over 85% blacks in South Africa, it's called apartheid. But when a filthy rich (and stingy) 5% rules over a billion odd 95%, you have the world's largest 'democracy'.

Bangladesh

The spate of extra-judicial killings continues unabated in Bangladesh. Since January this year, more than 138 people have been reportedly killed in extra-judicial killings. According to a legal aid group, the Ain O Salesh Kendra (ASK), at least 179 people were killed in extra-judicial killings in 2013 , while the Jamaat-e-Islami claims that 184 activists from its party alone were killed in extra-judicial murders between February 2013 and January 2014. The Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) has been accused of being involved in these killings. RAB has gained notoriety in recent years because of its involvement in summary executions and kidnapping people for ransom (as in Narayangonj recently). According to diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks, RAB was part of a training program organized by the British government. Recently, the US government was forced to distance itself from this American-trained death squad after widespread accusations of extra-judicial murders. It is worth noting that RAB was responsible for the killings of hundreds (if not thousands) of Muslims in the aftermath of the Hefazot-e-Islam movement. RAB was also involved in the massacre in Khulna during December last year in which dozens of innocent people were rounded up overnight and summarily executed.



In Bangladesh's Awami League government, secularism has shown its true colours. As if the spate of extra-judicial killings was not enough for the secular bigots of the Awami League, the present government has continued the use of a sham and parallel judicial mechanism for settling its vendetta with the Islamic segment of the society. The 'International Crimes Tribunal' is the Awami League's 'legal' alternative for extra-judicial killings. This kangaroo court, which falls short of even the minimal standards of procedural transparency and justice, has sentenced more than a dozen political figures to death on concocted charges of 'war crimes'. Its verdict cannot be challenged in any court in Bangladesh. This is the same 'court' that issued the death sentence for Abdul Qadir Mullah, a prominent Islamic activist, on the basis of contradictory statements of a single 'witness' hired on payment by the prosecution.



Burma

One of the most severely persecuted Muslim minorities in the world, the Muslims of Arakan are still living through the nightmare that is Burma. With the Bangladeshi government refusing to allow Muslim refugees from across the border and the anti-Muslim government in Thailand following the same policy, Burma has turned into a 21st century concentration camp. To mention just one example, earlier this year, in Du Chee Yar Tan village in the Maungdaw township of Arakan, Buddhist Rakhine villagers killed eight Muslims who were being smuggled through the area, which is close to the Bangladeshi border. When the Muslims retaliated the next





day by capturing a police officer involved in the killings and executing him, the police ganged up with the local Buddhist population and killed more than 50 Muslim men, women and children in nearby villages. The government then issued a blanket license to the police in the area to arrest any Muslim male over the age of 10. What happened afterwards is anyone's guess.

Sporadic attacks on Muslims have continued since this bloodshed. The Burmese government plans to pass a new law restricting conversion of Buddhists to Islam, putting a limit on the number of children a Muslim family is allowed, and outlawing polygamy. (A marriage tax on Burmese Muslims is already in place). In the 'national' census the government has refused to acknowledge even the existence of ethnic Rohingya Muslims, insisting that if they want to be included in the census, they must register themselves as 'Bangladeshi immigrants'.



America, the European Union and the rest of the international community use Kashmir as a bargaining chip. When they have to get concessions from India, time Kashmir appears to them as a nuclear flashpoint. Once they have been given the opportunities for economic exploitation or business in India, they put the file of Kashmir aside, to be used later. Kashmir has become a trump card in the hands of major powers.

Sheikh Showket, University of Kashmir

The international community appears to be blinded by a romantic narrative of sweeping change in Burma, signing new trade deals and lifting sanctions while the abuses continue.

Brad Adams, Human Rights Watch Asia Director





The Qadiyanis accept a lot of what we believe in, but we still term their literature as unislamic because the principle in Shariah is that even if a single tenet of Islam is rejected, it is considered *Kufr* (disbelief). This constitution also includes a lot of things that are against Islam. It provides the basis for a democratic system, whereas there is no concept of democracy in Islam.

Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi, Imam of Laal Masjid, Islamabad



THE 4 TYPES OF HEARTS

“Blissful is he who purifies himself…”

THE COMPANIONS (may Allah be pleased with them) divided the hearts into four categories as is authentically reported from Hudhayfah bin al-Yaman, ‘The hearts are of four types: The heart that has exclusively been illuminated by a blazing torch and that is the heart of the believer; the heart that is encased and that is the heart of the disbeliever; the heart that is inverted and that is the heart of the hypocrite - he knew only to reject, and he saw only to become blind; and the heart that has two impulses: an impulse calling it to faith and an impulse calling it to hypocrisy: it belongs to the impulse that is most prominent.’[1]

The meaning of his saying, ‘a heart that has exclusively...’ means a heart that has detached itself of everything besides Allah and His Messenger. Therefore it has separated and secured itself from everything save the truth.

The meaning of his saying, ‘illuminated by a blazing torch’ refers to the niche of faith. Therefore he indicated by his words, ‘that has exclusively...’ that is secure from false doubts and misguiding carnal desires. He indicated by his words, ‘a blazing torch’ that it was set ablaze and illuminated by the light of knowledge and faith.

The ‘encased heart’ refers to the heart of the disbeliever because it is wrapped by a veil and covering and hence the light of knowledge and faith cannot reach it. This is as Allah said, relating from the Jews that,

“They say: our hearts are wrapped…” [Al-Baqarah (2): 88]

This veil is the covering that Allah has placed on their hearts by way of punishment for their rejecting the truth and being too arrogant to accept it. Therefore it is a covering upon the hearts, a seal for the ears, and blindness for the eyes. This is the obscuring screen upon the eyes talked about in His saying,

“And when you recite the Qur’an, We out between you and those who believe not in the Hereafter, an obscuring screen. We have put coverings over their hearts lest they should understand it and deafness in their ears.” **[Al Isra’ (17): 45-46]**

When the people who have these types of hearts are admonished to purify their *Tawhid* and following (*ittiba*), they turn on their heels and run!

The ‘inverted heart’ refers to the heart of the hypocrite as Allah, the Exalted says:

“Then what is the matter with you that you are divided into two parties regarding the hypocrites? Allah has cast them back [to disbelief] because of what they have earned.” (An-Nisa, 4:88)

Thereby meaning he caused them to relapse and return to the falsehood that they used to be in due to their false deeds.

This is the most evil of hearts and the vilest of them for it believes falsehood to be the truth and shows love and allegiance to those who follow it. It also believes the truth to be falsehood and displays enmity to those who follow it. The Aid of Allah is sought!

The ‘heart that has two urges’ refers to the heart that is not entrenched in faith because it has not devoted itself solely to the truth that Allah sent His Messenger with. Instead it contains some faith and some of its opposite: it is closer to disbelief than faith sometimes; and at other times it is closer to faith than disbelief. The heart follows whatever is most influential at that time.

(*Ighatul- Lahfan fi Masayid ash Shaitan*, by Imam Ibn al Qayyim al Jawziyyah, may Allah have mercy upon him)

1. Reported by ibn Abi Shaybah, *al-Iman* [p. 17] and others with a sahih isnad.



a step TOWARDS UNITY OF RANKS

Hassaan Yusuf

Qa'eda al Jihad- the 'Base for Jihad'- started as a group engaged in Jihad in the way of Allah. Over the years, it has transformed from an 'organization' to become a call, a message, and a movement spanning different regions. By the grace of Allah, today the 'Base' is no longer confined to Afghanistan; in just over a decade, the blessed call of Jihad has spread from West Africa to East Asia. The enemies of Islam may fool themselves into believing that they are facing a 'numerically small' adversary that can be defeated by unleashing the armies of their lackeys in the Muslim world and by so-called 'counter-terrorism efforts', but the truth remains that the call of Jihad is not something invented by Shaykh Osama bin Laden, or anyone else for that matter; it is a divine call, and the Lord of this call cannot be defeated by the worldly arsenal and armies of Satan and his allies.

The experience of the last decade or so amply demonstrates that even the martyrdom of several leaders of this Jihad has only added impetus to this movement. Mujahideen from West Africa to the Indian Subcontinent and further east have embraced the call of Jihad against America and her allies. Al Qa'eda has thus acted as a galvanizing force, synchronizing the energies of various Islamic groups and individuals in different parts of the world for a common goal: the defeat of the pharaoh of our age, America, and the consequent liberation of the Muslim world from the clutches of the West and her cronies to become a united *Daar ul Islam* in the shade of a Caliphate governed by the Shariah.

In this context, the establishment of Jama'ah Qa'eda al Jihad in the Subcontinent is a significant milestone towards uniting the efforts of the Muslims of this region, specially the Mujahideen, around the following objectives:

- Engaging in Jihad against America and the system of disbelief that has been established under its aegis.
- Striving for the implementation of the Shariah in Muslim lands and a complete revival of the Islamic way of life.
- Striving for the freedom of all occupied Muslim lands and liberating the oppressed Muslims of the Subcontinent from

Kashmir to Arakan.

- Performing Jihad for the establishment of the Caliphate according to the Prophetic methodology.
- Defending the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan: a harbinger of the Caliphate and a stepping stone towards its revival in the Ummah.
- Forming a just Islamic society in which there is no oppression against anyone, including the disbelievers.

While it is true that the Muslims of the Subcontinent have been apparently divided from one another by artificial lines drawn by the British and their cronies in the region, but the bond of faith and a shared past are factors too strong to be undermined by shifting geo-political currents and imported notions of 'nationalism' and the 'nation-state'. The destiny of the Muslims of this region is inextricably linked with their adherence to Islam, a revival of the Islamic identity throughout the Muslim society, and adopting Jihad as a practical method to bring about the supremacy of Islam throughout the Indian Subcontinent. It is only through adhering to *dawah* (inviting people to Islam) and engaging in Jihad in accordance with the Prophetic methodology that the legacy of imperialism can be reversed decisively in this region. Democracy and similar other man-made systems may give the fleeting illusion of worldly prosperity, but they can never bring about the supremacy of Islam, nor ensure a respectable and prosperous life for mankind in this world.

The establishment of this organization is a direct result of the merger of several groups that have been engaged in Jihad in this region for several years. In the guidance of their *Ameer,* Shaykh Ayman al Zawahiri, the leaders of these Jihadi groups have joined forces to coalesce into a single organization, Jama'ah Qa'eda al Jihad in the Subcontinent. This new branch of Qa'eda al Jihad is led by the renowned scholar, Maulana Aasim Umar (may Allah protect him). Special mention must be made here of Shaykh Mustafa Abu Yazeed, Shaykh Jamal Ibrahim al Masrati, Shaykh Abu Yahya al Leebi, Commander Ilyas Kashmiri, Commander Badar Mansoor, Dr. Arshad Waheed, *Ustadh* Hasan Gul and *Ustadh* Umar Aqdas (may Allah have mercy on them), among others, who laid the groundwork for the establishment of this organization. It is hoped that the formation of Qa'eda al Jihad in the Subcontinent will help to unite the efforts of the Mujahideen for making the Shariah of our Lord the supreme authority throughout a region which is home to at least one third of the Muslim Ummah. It is our belief that the revival of Jihad is the ultimate hope of the oppressed Muslims of Kashmir and Arakan and the only way to stop the persecution of Muslims in this region, whether in Gujarat, Ahmadabad, Muzafarnagar, Saharanpur and Assam in India, at the hands of the Awami League government in Bangladesh or in the tribal belt and other parts of Pakistan at the hands of Pakistan's Army and government.

The establishment of this organization comes in the wake of the American defeat and withdrawal from Afghanistan. America had invaded Afghanistan on the pretext of eliminating Al Qa'eda, but the enemies of Allah should know that Al Qa'eda is as much a message as it is an organization, and today its message has spread much farther than they could have ever imagined. This Jihad will not end with the American withdrawal from Afghanistan; America's defeat is only the prelude. What lies in wait for her despicable 'allies' (read toadies) in this region is yet to unfold.

At the outset of the American invasion of Afghanistan, our Ameer and the Leader of the Believers, Mullah Muhammad Umar (may Allah protect him), had remarked: "Bush has promised us defeat, while Allah has promised us victory. We will soon know which promise was true." As much as we know that the promise of Allah was true, we have equally firm faith that the promise of His noble Prophet (peace be upon him) will also be fulfilled: "Allah has saved two groups of my Ummah from the Hellfire: the group that will invade *Al Hind* (the Indian Subcontinent) and the group that will be with Eesa (peace be upon him), the son of Mariam."



"The day I started living amongst the Mujahid people of Afghanistan, I realized that I was one of the living. Therefore, I consider my total life span eight and a half years; seven years in the Afghan Jihad, and a year and a half in the Jihad in Palestine. Without Jihad, people are dead, humiliated, subjugated, cowards...
there is no difference between them and the dead."

Shaykh Abdullah Azzam
(May Allah have mercy on him)





Signs of Allah in the Jihad of Khurasan

Ustadh Ahmad Farooq

In reality, this Jihad is a living miracle in its entirety. On the one hand, there are forty five states and their armies equipped with the latest weaponry that dominate the land, seas and skies. On the other is a small group of Mujahideen who have stood their ground with nothing but their faith. But it is a most strange spectacle that not only has this visibly unequal war continued for ten long years, but it is apparently the weaker side that is winning. After this, do we still need any sign from the Unseen to understand the Divine Power of Allah Almighty and appreciate the justness of the Mujahideen's cause?

But it is a blessing of Allah that within this miracle of a Jihad, Allah reveals even more miracles from time to time, to reinforce the faith of those who believe, and so that a conclusive proof that leaves no room for doubts is shown to the hypocrites and disbelievers. On the persistent urging of some respected brothers, I have decided to start this series, with the help and blessing of Allah (swt). I will try to present before the readers the miracles of the Mujahideen and martyrs as well as the signs of Allah's help that I have either experienced myself or that have come to my knowledge through some reliable source. The purpose of writing this is firstly to renew and strengthen my own faith. Moreover, I pray to Allah (swt) that these stories will be a source of rejuvenating the faith of the readers and instilling love of Jihad and fighting in the way of Allah (swt) in their hearts.

The real proofs for understanding the truth, virtue, and importance of Jihad are the clear texts of the Quran and Sunnah that explain the tremendous importance and greatness of Jihad and fighting in the way of Allah. It is after understanding these unquestionable proofs that we adopted this path with the blessing of Allah. But after having adopted this path, these glad tidings, miracles, and signs of Divine help become a source of the strength that is required to remain firm on this difficult but glorious path. In these testing times, when the entire disbelieving world has united to invade Afghanistan on the one hand, and on the other the army and agencies of our own country are making life difficult for the Mujahideen, these signs are indicative of the special mercy of Allah on His Mujahid slaves. Today, the disbelievers have made great strides in technological advancement. They have developed unbelievably effective and deadly weapons for shedding blood and causing destruction. However, the experience of the Mujahideen confronting the Zionist-Crusader alliance that possesses this artificial power reveals certain other realities as well. The biggest truth that it reveals is that no matter how much material strength man may gather, no matter how much material progress he may make, he remains but a creature of Allah; and in front of the Power, Greatness, Might, Glory, and absolute Dominance of the Creator, all of this is not worth even a mosquito's wing. The laws of Allah and His unchanging principles are just as applicable in this age as they were in the days of swords and spears, and His Divine help still makes the people of faith steadfast on every step of the way, provided they don't earn the displeasure of Allah (swt) and keep seeking His help and support with their deeds.



The Story of a Tranquil Soul!

My first meeting with Shaykh Mansoor al Shami (may Allah have mercy on him), a Mujahid scholar and member of the Central Shariah Committee of Tandheem Qa'edatul Jihad, took place in Khurasan in 2005. I was participating in a course in the training camp when he came to spend a day with the participants of the course. Before coming to my point, I would like to mention an incident that occurred in this meeting which left a deep impression on me and gave me further assurance about Al Qa'eda's message and the deep religious understanding of its leadership. In this meeting, Al Qa'eda's military head, Shaykh Khalid Habib was also accompanying Shaykh Mansoor al Shami (may Allah have mercy on them). After the Asr prayer, Shaykh Mansoor delivered a brief lecture and exhorted the brothers to rectify their deeds. After this an informal session of questions and answers started. During the discussion, a question was raised about takfeer (excommunication). Shaykh Khalid Habib commented, "There are two words which irritate me greatly: Takfeer and Talaq (divorce)." Hearing this, Shaykh Mansoor al Shami interrupted him and said: "What you have said is not correct. Both these words are terminologies given to us by the Shariah. If they are used at the right place and in the right manner, expressing distaste for them will not be right. Therefore, you should not express your distaste in such general terms."

May Allah shower Shaykh Khalid Habib with His mercy! I saw that he was listening quietly and obediently to the words of the Shaykh with his head bowed down. There were no signs of displeasure on his face, despite the fact that he was senior to Shaykh Mansoor in terms of military leadership, experience and time spent in Jihad. Such immense respect for religious knowledge and scholars from a central military leader and showing such humility in front of a scholar was such a profound and practical lesson that could never be understood by reading lengthy books. On the other hand, the scholarly role of Shaykh Mansoor al Shami and his courage in protecting the limits set by Allah was something worth emulating.

Shaykh Mansoor al Shami (may Allah have mercy on him) was known for the depth of his knowledge, moderation, fear of Allah, worship and asceticism. For several years, he remained engaged in the religious training of different Jihadi groups.
He exerted a lot of efforts in grooming the brothers from Turkey. He refined their knowledge and deeds, until he came to be known as '*Shaykh ul Atrak*' (The Shaykh of the Turks). Alongside this, he also continued his literary activities. He authored an excellent book on the practical lessons offered by the *ghazwat* (wars) of the Prophet (peace be upon him). The book has been published. After a long and eventful Jihadi journey, the time arrived when his desire for martyrdom was to be fulfilled.

A few days before his martyrdom he saw a dream. His interpretation of the dream was that his martyrdom was at hand. He decided to send his family away, distributed some of his personal belongings to friends and sold the rest. He emptied his house of all his belongings, spread a mat on the ground and fell asleep. A few minutes later, an American drone fired a missile which reduced his body to pieces. Thus his earnest desire of martyrdom was fulfilled. May Allah accept this tranquil soul, raise his status and grant him the virtues of a Mujahid, a martyr and scholar on the Day of Judgment, Ameen! ■

Scent of Blood Helps Trace Hasan Gul

On October 2012, Mir Ali. A Mujahid from Madinah, originally of Sindhi origins, attains martyrdom after a relatively long but eventful Jihadi life.

For years Hasan Gul was a persistent cause of anxiety for the Americans. As a youth, he had been one of Shaykh Osama's personal bodyguards and later he gained valuable military experience working with Shaykh Ibn al Shaykh al Libbi (may Allah have mercy on him) and Shaykh Abu Zubaida (may Allah release him). He spent several years of his life in prison, first in Pakistan and later in Guantanamo following his arrest from Iraqi Kurdistan. After his release from Guantanamo he helped establish Jihad in Pakistan's cities along sound military lines. May Allah be pleased with him and accept his Jihad, immigration, imprisonment and martyrdom. Ameen!

When I first joined Jihad, this young man had already been imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay. George Bush had publicly expressed great joy at his arrest. After his release from prison several years later, he could not resist the call to Jihad, just as any true believer could not have done. Allah (swt) granted this humble slave the opportunity to spend a lot of time with him. In fact, for a certain period, I lived with him in the same house. After spending time in his company, I developed a relationship of deep respect and friendship with him. During this time, I was able to learn a lot from him.

Allah (swt) saved brother Hasan Gul from several attacks of the enemy while performing his duties in the land of Khurasan. When Shaykh Khalid Habib, the military head of Al Qaida in Khurasan, was martyred, brother Hasan Gul was with him. The Shaykh (may Allah have mercy on him) was inside the car, while he was standing outside. He had just extended his hand to open the door of the car when a missile fired from a drone hit the car. Allah (swt) miraculously saved his life. He was thrown several feet away by the explosion. His shin bone was fractured as a result. Several days later, when I met him he showed me a coin that had been in the upper pocket of his shirt, just above his heart at the time of the drone attack. A small shrapnel of the missile had hit the coin, because of which the coin had been bent inwards.











Allah (swt) prevented the shrapnel from piercing his heart with this small coin. Verily, when Allah (swt) decrees life for His slave, no one can give him death!

Similarly, his car came under an ambush once. The brother sitting next to him was martyred, another was severely wounded, while he was shot twice in the back. However, Allah (swt) saved his life. When I reached the hospital, Hasan Gul was semi-conscious, lying on his back. When I approached him, I could hear light sighs. He was uttering the following words, repeating these lines again and again: "O Allah! Why don't you grant me martyrdom? Khalid Habib was martyred, but I was saved…A markaz of the brothers was destroyed in Mehsud, everyone was martyred, but I was saved. Today a newly arrived brother was killed, but I was saved once again. Why don't you give me martyrdom?!"

Finally, Allah fulfilled his wish. Last year in October, when he left his house on a motor bike, American drones assassinated him. His body was shredded to bits by a direct missile hit and his remains were scattered over a large area. When some Mujahid brothers reached the site of the attack, they faced the problem of searching for and gathering the bits and pieces of his body. However, Allah (swt) made this task easy for them. A large part of his body was easily found. An ethereal fragrance that was simply not of this world was coming from this dismembered part of his body. This extremely beautiful fragrance was smelt by all the brothers present at the scene. The brothers then decided to locate his body parts with the help of this scent. All the brothers had to do was to follow this fragrance to find a part of his body. All the parts of his body exuded this fragrance without any exception. Thus the fragrance of Hasan Gul's blood led to the remains of his body. May Allah be pleased with him and grant him the company of the Prophets and the righteous. Ameen! ■

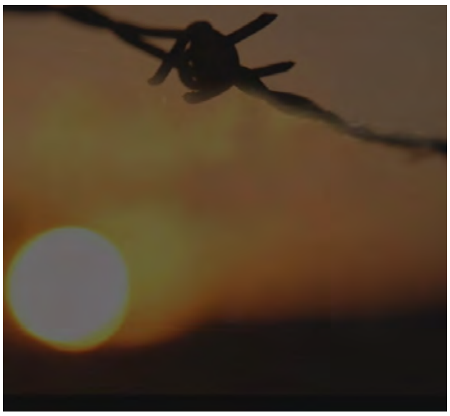
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A Mujahid Afghan religious scholar and preacher narrated this moving incident to me after his release from jail. This scholar was arrested in 2009 from one of the main highways in Wana, South Waziristan. This scholar was travelling in his car along with one of his friends when suddenly a convoy of the Pakistan Army appeared on the road from the opposite direction. He stopped his car at a distance from the road and waited for the convoy to pass. However, the soldiers became suspicious about his car and surrounded it from all directions.

This honourable brother narrates, "Some soldiers approached my car on foot and asked me to come out of the car. I held tightly to my Kalashnikov and made a firm resolve not to surrender or step out of the car. However, when one of the soldiers repeatedly assured me that they did not intend to arrest me, and asked me to meet his superior, I was taken in by their talk. I stepped out of the car with my Kalashnikov. My intention was to fight and refuse to surrender in case they tried to commit any treachery.

When I stepped out of the car and

'NOW SURELY BY ALLAH'S REMEMBERANCE ARE THE HEARTS SET AT REST.' (AL QURAN)



looked towards the convoy, I saw an extremely tall and attractive woman dressed in very beautiful clothes standing behind the convoy. The dress of the woman was unlike anything worn in Waziristan, and perhaps unlike anything worn in this world. The radiance illuminating her face was very unusual. I was looking at her in amazement when one of the soldiers again insisted that they did not intend to arrest me; therefore I should leave my gun there and go to meet their officer. On the one hand was the assurance of this soldier, and on the other, the woman with a radiant face was calling me towards herself with the gesture of her hands. In my heart, I had understood that if I remained steadfast, I would be martyred, and that the woman was probably a maiden of paradise who had come to make me firm. But on the other hand, that despicable soldier was repeating his assurance over and over again in such a placatory tone that I took his assurance to be sincere. At that moment, my heart flinched, and I thought that if I could get away without fighting, then why take the risk, and thus I went to leave the Kalashnikov in my car. After putting the Kalashnikov back in the car, I returned, only to find that the woman had disappeared. I became extremely remorseful and started regretting my decision. I realized that I had made the wrong decision."

Indeed, he had taken the wrong decision. The soldiers violated their promise of safe passage. As soon as this scholar approached the convoy, he was arrested. After his arrest, he was kept in the Wana camp for a brief period. He was then transferred to a secret jail of the ISI in Peshawer. He was forcefully stripped of his clothes in jail and subjected to the worst possible forms of torture. He was hanged upside down and repeatedly dipped in water to give him the sensation of drowning. He was also beaten with clubs and his beard was insulted. In short, he was treated in an extremely cruel manner, just because he was an Islamic scholar.

But the most painful part of his ordeal occurred when he was placed in a dark and narrow cellar with his hands tied. Soon he started feeling as if something was creeping all over his body. When his eyes became used to the darkness, he saw that the floor of the cellar was covered by thousands of cockroaches, and these cockroaches had started to creep over his body in the hundreds. Even worse, there were huge hungry rats in the room, each the size of a cat, that were biting him all over his body. He started screaming violently but the jail staff did not pay any attention to his cries. He then started doing zikr of Allah. As long as he engaged in the remembrance of Allah, his body remained totally numb and he did not feel the insects creeping over him or the pain from rat bites. But whenever he stopped the zikr the pain resumed.

Thus he understood that his only refuge was the remembrance of Allah; and thus it became easy for him to bear this agony. What is even more astonishing is that this brother told me that that whenever he would pray and move towards the ground to prostrate, the multitudes of cockroaches and rats would move away, layers after layers, to clear the ground for him to prostrate. These insects and rats would wait for him to rise from prostration and then once again reoccupy their places. The brother said that seeing even animals and insects showing subservience to a weak mujahid slave of Allah further reinforced his faith. It made him even more convinced that the Mujahideen are on the path of truth and the support of Allah and the sympathy of all His creatures is with us.■



Glad Tidings for Women who Migrate in the Way of Allah

"Where are the women who migrated to Waziristan? They will enter paradise first!"

Shaykh Yaqub (may Allah have mercy on him) was an extremely well-mannered, reserved, and cheerful brother who always engaged himself in worship and was an expert of explosives as well as electronics. He narrated a strange dream that he had seen. He said, "I saw that people had gathered on the Day of Judgment. The Mujahideen and some other Muslims had gathered at a place. We heard a voice telling us to go to Jannah. All of us got up to hurry towards paradise, each one of us eager to enter it before the other. But we were stopped from going ahead. Just near us were Muslim women sitting inside a camp. We heard a voice say: "Where are the women who migrated to Waziristan? They will enter paradise first!" ■

Fighting the entire Day with 60 Bullets!



A beloved Mujahid brother, with whom I developed a deep and lasting friendship in the early days of my arrival in Khurasan, narrated a strange experience.

This incident occurred in the summer of 2012. On the tip-off of the presence of some leaders of the Mujahideen in a house in Miranshah, the Pakistan Army raided the house. Hearing the exchange of fire, some brothers present in the vicinity headed in the direction of this house. Among these four or five brothers was this brother as well. As he approached this place, he saw that several Army pickups and trucks had surrounded the house. Soldiers had arrested some innocent locals and were beating them as they frisked them away towards one of their trucks.

Despite their numerical inferiority, the brothers put their trust in Allah (swt) and opened fire on these army vehicles. This fight, which started early in the morning, continued till Asr. The Army called in helicopters and reserves from the Miranshah camp. Army posts present on the nearby hills started shelling the Mujahideen. However, Allah's help was with the Mujahideen and the Army had to suffer heavy losses at the hands of these few brothers. Around thirty soldiers were killed in this firefight. As night fell, the soldiers retreated towards a nearby post, leaving behind several vehicles, weapons and the dead body of a Colonel.

This brother was in the forefront of the battle that had waged the entire day. May Allah accept this deed from him! The brother told me, "At around Asr I recalled that I had only brought two magazines of my M-16 rifle with me (a magazine contains thirty bullets). When I opened the magazine I saw that there were still four or five bullets left in one of the magazines!" Even today, this brother expresses his amazement at the fact that despite firing endlessly from early morning till the evening, he did not run out of ammunition. This was indeed a special favour from Allah (swt) that the brother was able to fight the entire day with just two magazines.■

"We are not a substitute for the Ummah, nor do we want to impose ourselves on the Ummah. Rather we are a part of the Ummah; in fact we consider ourselves its servants. We defend the Ummah with our lives, protect its sanctity with our blood, and defend its freedom with our souls. The Islamic State will be established- by the help and will of Allah- at the hands of the free, sincere and honourable Mujahideen. It will be established with their sacrifices, generosity, consent and collective choice."

Shaykh Ayman al Zawahiri (may Allah protect him)

More than **20,000** Muslims killed...

Hundreds of mosques burnt...

180,000 people displaced...



Burma's Transition to

DEMOCRACY...

Days with the Imam

Shaykh Ayman al Zawahiri





The following is an excerpt from Shaykh Ayman's recollections of the time he spent with Shaykh Osama. It sheds light on the personal qualities of Shaykh Osama which have remained hidden from the outside world. (Ed.)

There was a certain inimitable trait in Shaykh Osama's character. People who never had the chance to interact with him personally are unaware of this aspect of his personality, which is the tenderness of his heart. People are accustomed to seeing this lion of Allah roaring, 'America and Americans will never even dream of peace until we see peace in Palestine', or giving threats to Bush; but most people perhaps don't know that the Shaykh was extremely soft-hearted, forbearing, and sensitive. The Shaykh possessed exceptional modesty and noble manners, a fact recognised by all. Anyone who had the chance to sit with him could not fail to appreciate his noble manners, graceful demeanour and high character.

This can be clearly observed in an incident I wish to narrate, which involves myself. In Tora Bora, when a brother came bearing the news of my family's martyrdom, the Shaykh prevented him from informing me. When we stood up for Fajr prayer, the Shaykh asked me to lead. After the prayers, we engaged ourselves in the morning *zikr*[1], after which I noticed that the brothers had begun to leave the room, one after the other, until I alone remained. Then, the brother who had brought the news came in. He began by offering his consolation and then exhorted me to be patient. He then continued by informing me of my wife's martyrdom; then my son's; and finally told me that my daughter had also been among the martyrs. Finally, he informed me of three brothers who had been martyred along with their families.

On this I read the prayer '*Inna Lillahiwa Inna IlaihiRajioon*'[2] and asked Allah for patience and reward. At this moment, the Shaykh entered and embraced me. Tears flowed profusely from his eyes as he wept. He consoled me, and then brothers started coming in, one by one. They too offered consolations, which increased my resolve, and gave me courage. It had been agreed that, according to pre-planned arrangements, we were to shift to another place that day. We numbered around thirty people. The Shaykh instructed the brothers to set out on their journey, and told me that he, with a few other brothers, will remain with me. I advised that we set off, as movement and travel help one forget his sorrows. But the Shaykh insisted that we stay.

So we spent the day there until my feelings and emotions were

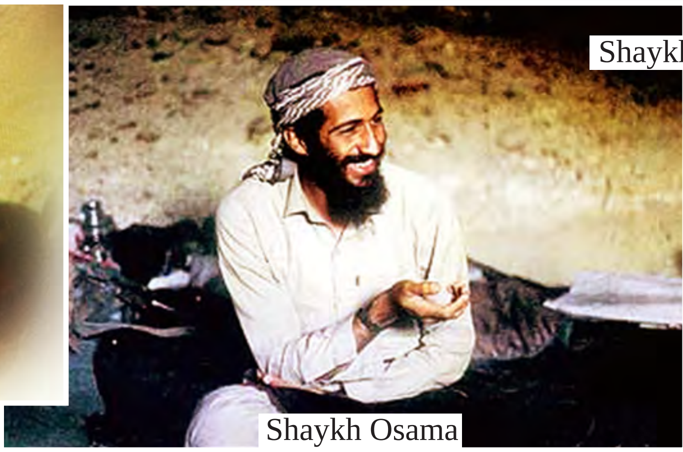
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1 Remembrance of Allah; invocations

2 To Allah we belong, and to Him alone we shall all return



Shaykh Abdullah Azam



Shaykh Osama



Shaykh Abu Hafs

somewhat less tense. We set out on our journey the next day. I ask Allah (swt) to accept our families and those who have passed away and not deprive us of His reward. Later, when I was over the initial shock, I would sometimes mention my son Muhammad in front of the Shaykh, only to see his eyes overflow with tears.

Another incident that I will always remember with feelings of gratitude is when Shaykh Osama, being the first person to do so, offered me his condolences on the death of my mother, in a beautifully written letter that gave me fortitude. I thanked him and told him how strange it was that the news of my mother's death reached him before me! May Allah reward him!

Whoever spent time with the Shaykh knows all too well what a soft heart he possessed. Tears would in no time glisten like pearls in his eyes. His eyes often overflowed with tears during conversations or talks. It is well-known that he was easily moved to tears. He once told me "Some people tell me that 'even before you start talking, tears begin to flow from your eyes, try, therefore, a little to stop them.'" The Shaykh then asked me, 'What should I do about it?' I said, 'Shaykh, this is compassion that Allah has placed in your heart. There is no need to worry about it; rather consider it a blessing that Allah has bestowed upon you.'

I would like to narrate another incident in this regard, which I myself witnessed. Once, we were present in the military training center of 'Ainaq', near Kabul, and were later joined by a few other brothers. In those days the Shaykh had just issued a statement about Palestine and Gaza, in which he had mentioned the obligation of helping the Palestinians. This was perhaps the same statement in which he addressed the people of Palestine saying, 'The blood of your sons is the blood of our sons and your blood is our blood. And only blood can avenge blood, and only destruction can avenge destruction.' One of the brothers present recalled having seen in the media a demonstration in which Palestinian women were holding a placard declaring, "O' Osama! We are waiting for the fulfilment of your promise."

Hearing this, the Shaykh fell silent. The impact of those words was clearly visible in his facial expressions. After this, we headed towards the mosque of the camp for the Isha prayer. The light was very dim. After offering the obligatory prayers, the Shaykh went to a corner of the mosque to offer his Sunnah prayers, during which I could clearly hear him sobbing. I understood that this was due to the news that had reached him of the Palestinian women who were awaiting the fulfilment of his promise. I believe that, through his actions, he indeed did fulfil his promise.

A beautiful aspect of the Shaykh's life was his relationship with his children. The high standard of respect and reverence instilled in his children was observed by everyone who lived close to the Shaykh, and was an example in its own right. May Allah protect them and make our children and the children of all the faithful obedient. Being the children of a rich billionaire did not prevent them from serving the guests themselves. The guest would be prevented from doing anything himself; from having his hands washed and dried to being accompanied wherever he went. In short, they demonstrated such immense respect and reverence for their guests as to make them the envy of all.

I myself have heard these words from so many people; 'How great an upbringing that the Shaykh has given his children!' The Shaykh took special care of his children's education,



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despite the endless travels, the constant shifting of homes, and the extremely hard conditions. The thing that was highest on the list, as far as the education of his children was concerned, was the memorization the book of Allah. I believe that most of his children must have memorized a great part of the Quran; perhaps some may have even completed it. May Allah grant the children of the faithful the good fortune of performing this noble deed! Anyhow, to teach his children the Quran, the Shaykh hired a special teacher.

Here, I wish to briefly introduce this personality. He was no ordinary teacher; rather he was amongst the most esteemed scholars of Shanqeet, and had exceptional command of the language, as well as Quranic recitation, and script of the scripture. Many Mujahideen, including myself, have benefitted from him. He was a teacher of mine, about whom I have shed some light in my book '*Al Tabri'ah*'[3]. He was not only a teacher but an emigrant and a fighter in the path of Allah, and like Shaykh Osama, an expert horse rider.

He had kept a horse in the 'Arab Village', which the Shaykh later bought and included in his stable. The 'Arab Village' is another tale all in itself and deserves a separate mention. If Allah gives us the opportunity, we will talk about this blessed village. This was a strange and blessed place the like of which I have never seen in my entire life, and the days I spent there… such fortunate days I have never experienced since!

Whenever we went to the Shaykh's house to attend his lessons, he himself would serve us excellent Mauritanian tea, besides preparing food for us. We used to object, 'You are our teacher, why do you embarrass us like this?' But he always ignored us and served us himself. I remember that when I requested that he teach me the sciences of the Quran and the Arabic language, he replied, 'The first thing with which we shall begin our lessons is the correct recitation of the Book of Allah, because the right of the Book of Allah comes before the knowledge taught by man, after which we will begin with the Arabic language.' I have mentioned in my book '*Al Tabri'ah*' that he dictated a medium-sized introduction to the science of recitation, after which we started studying '*Al Jazari*'.

Mashallah! He was an ocean of knowledge; yet, his teaching style was simple and easy to follow. I would observe him imparting the knowledge of the rules of recitation in his unassuming style in the mosque

3 The Exoneration



of the village. For example, while explaining the difference between *Ikhfaa*[4] and *Idghaam*[5] he would hold up an object and then wrap it in a cloth and say, 'Look! It has been concealed. Whereas this is another object whose impression has faded, and so has become *mudgham*[6].' In this manner, he would make people understand everything in a very simple manner. When I was taking lessons in Al Jazzari with him, we would sometimes be joined by Shaykh Abu Obaida, the Mauritanian, and Shaykh Abu Hafs.

While passing by the market, the Shaykh would sometimes buy us some fruits. I would tell him, 'Shaykh! This is our responsibility.' In response he would say, 'It is not for you, rather it is for your son Muhammad.' Similarly, he once brought fish for us. I told him, 'Our master! This is our obligation. Why do you do this?' He again said, 'This is not for you, this is for your son Muhammad.' This was the same learned scholar who taught the children of Shaykh Osama, and whom I feel honoured to have been a student of.

He was very strict when it came to teaching the children of the Shaykh. I remember him once scolding the children of the Shaykh in this manner, "O' boy! You will not understand mere talk. Talk from now on is reserved for your father. As for you, you will be made to understand the language of the stick!" All along, the children of the Shaykh sat tight, looking scared. As a result of the respect Shaykh Usama taught them, they would not dare to look at their teacher in his eyes.

Shaykh Osama gave special attention to the subject of raising children. Sometimes, he would give lessons in the mosque of the village titled 'Raising of Children in Islam' and arrange a formal study course based on the book 'Bringing up of Children in Islam'.

I know that the Shaykh's children had extreme love and affection for their father. I have seen them, on many occasions and on different fronts, ready to protect their father, circling him to form a protective ring. They stuck to him like a shadow and were always ready to sacrifice their lives for him. The Shaykh's relationship with his children and his security contingent is a topic in itself, which we may discuss on another occasion. Right now it is as if a flood of memories is streaming in!

I would like to mention two extremely moving incidents regarding the Shaykh and his children. The first incident took place in Jalalabad. When the

4 Concealment of a sound
5 A diphthong: sound formed by the combination of two vowels in a single syllable
6 diphthong



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hypocrites started taking over Jalalabad, we decided to move to the mountains. We had not yet anticipated how fast events would unfold and how soon we would have to abandon Kabul. At that time, of the children that were with the Shaykh, three were very young. One of them was Khalid, may Allah have mercy on him, who was later martyred with the Shaykh. Khalid was the oldest of the three. We moved out of the city and headed for the mountains of Tora Bora. That evening, between Asr and Maghrib, a brother brought the three children, so that they may bid their father farewell.

The Shaykh had entrusted the brother with shifting the children to a safe place, from which they would then be returned to their family. When the moment of farewell arrived, the Shaykh took them to the side. I stood there watching this moving scene from a distance. A father saying farewell to his three little kids, not knowing when, or even whether, he shall see them again; not knowing whether this is their first farewell or last! I watched the Shaykh saying farewell to them and telling them to go with their uncle who was to take them to their family. The eyes of the eldest child were filled with tears and the Shaykh himself became very emotional. The younger one was unable to fully appreciate the significance of that moment, complaining to the Shaykh, 'But father, my problem is that I forgot my new bag in Kabul! How will I get it back now?'
Little did he know that, by then, the Crusaders had occupied Kabul. The Shaykh said, 'Don't worry, my dear! Your uncle will buy you a new one!' They then parted. This was a very moving scene; the father departing from his son and the son from his father, neither knowing when and how they will meet.

Similarly another incident which filled my heart with esteem for the Shaykh took place during the Crusader attack, at a time when we were constantly on the move, accompanied by one of the Shaykh's sons. Totally helpless, we were travelling in the dark of the night, with trust in Allah as our only support. The car stopped at a certain point, from where the Shaykh intended to travel on with his guide in one direction, while we were to travel in another. At this moment, the Shaykh came out of the car to say farewell to his son. Allah alone knew whether they will be able to see each other again. Just imagine what the Shaykh said to his son in those moments! He said, "O' son! Let us make an oath that we will never leave the path of Jihad in the way of Allah."

These are some of those great moments which I can never forget.

Shaykh Osama bin Laden (may Allah have mercy on him)

"By Allah, targeting the American enemy is from the core of faith and from the essence of *Tauheed* (belief in the oneness of Allah). The *Deen* (Islam) cannot be established except by demolishing false idols. *La ilaha ilallah*! There is none worthy of worship except Allah; we must negate all false idols. ' Whoever rejects *taghut* (false claimant of divinity) and believes in Allah has taken a firm support that never gives way...' Therefore, there must be disbelief in this false idol."



We are not really dealing with a global culture that is benign or compassionate. This is a culture that gives you no choice.
You either accept McDonalds, otherwise McDonnell Douglas* will send their F-15s above your head!

Shaykh Anwar Al-Awlaki
(may Allah have mercy on him)



*The designer of the F-15s.

The Land of the Prophets Awaits You

Shaykh Muhammad bin Mahmud al Bahteeti
(Abu Dujana al Pasha)



Syria has a special place in the hearts of Muslims, and why should it not be so when Allah has Himself blessed it with a distinctive status and exceptional virtues. The history of Syria is marked by this divine choice, and so, we believe will be Syria's future.



In its history, Syria has played an outstanding role in Jihad against the enemies of Islam. Syria stood firm as an impregnable fortress against the attacks of the Crusaders and, later, the Tatars. The feats of the armies of Syria have been recorded in the brightest chapters of Muslim history. The conflict in Syria today is all the more significant due to Syria's strategic location near the Jewish state that has been protected by the client regimes of the Arab world since its inception.

The virtues of Syria and encouragement to take up residence there are the subject of a great number of *ahadith*. The Prophet (peace be upon him) prayed for special blessings for Syria. Syria has the unique honour of being the land where an exceptionally large number of Prophets were sent. It is the land to which the Prophet (peace be upon him) undertook his night-journey. Near the end of times, the armies of the believers will have their headquarters in Syria. . It is in this land that faith prospers when tribulations befall the Ummah. It is the site of the fierce battles at the end of times. Its blessed land will be the staging ground for the final confrontation between the armies of truth and falsehood. On the day of the greatest battle (*al Malhama al Kubra*), the Muslims will be based in Ghouta (a place in the suburbs of Damascus).

Syria enjoys the distinction of being the land where the armies of the Mahdi will assemble near the end of times to fight the Romans (Europeans/ Western armies). The Prophet Eesa (Jesus, may peace be upon him) will descend near the White Minaret, south of Damascus. In Syria, the believers will gather to fight the Dajjal (Anti-Christ), who will be killed by the Prophet Eesa (peace be upon him), near the gate of *Lud* (present day Israel). It is from Syria that the souls of Muslims will be taken back before the Final Hour. It has also been narrated that Syria is the land of the Final Gathering on the Day of Judgment. But the greatest virtue that has been narrated regarding Syria is that the Victorious Group (*Taifatul Mansoora*) will be based in Syria until the Last Hour. It will suffer no harm by those who oppose or betray it.

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It was Allah's decree that a decisive battle in the history of the Ummah should begin in Syria after so much blood was spilt as has seldom been witnessed by humanity. All the major world powers understand the critical nature of the present conflict in Syria, and have begun vying with each other to safeguard their interests in the region, subjecting this blessed land to their conspiracies and machinations.

The threat to Israel and Iran has led major powers to interfere in the Syrian conflict with a view to securing their respective interests in the region, keeping Assad in power, and protecting the Zionist state. The former Director of the CIA, Michael Hayden, recently admitted that for the West, keeping Assad in power is the most acceptable outcome of the present conflict. He said:

"Looking at the range of the possible outcomes, I must reluctantly conclude that of the possible outcomes, Assad winning is not the worst one… This situation is so dark, so bad, so much the product of our inaction months and years before that I reluctantly have to say: I can think of worst outcomes than this regime staying in control."



On the other hand, Syria is still waiting for our support that it deserved from day one. Let us not forget that our support for the Jihad in Syria is absolutely vital for countering the international conspiracies against the Jihadi project.

It was also Allah's decree that the conflict in Syria should bring to light the true state of affairs and uncover the secret designs that our enemies have attempted to conceal with such meticulous care. Firstly, the war in Syria has uncovered the true nature of the *Rawafidh* and their deep loathing for Islam and the Muslims. The hollow slogans with which the *Rawafidh* have tried to deceive the Ummah for so long have now lost their efficacy. The veneer they had coated their hypocrisy with has finally worn out.

Secondly, the conflict in Syria has also proved that when it comes to enmity against Islam and Muslims, the disbelievers are a single nation. The stance of the disbelievers of the East and the West regarding Muslim causes has not changed a bit. Those who have been slaughtering Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Chechnya, East Turkistan and Mali should not be expected to show any mercy for the Muslims in Syria, or anywhere else for that matter.

As we strive today to break the chains of subservience that have shackled this Ummah, we discover that this can only be achieved at the cost of facing up to the conspiracies being hatched against us in Syria. However, what is most agonizing is the tragic indifference of the Ummah towards this truly historic and decisive issue. How can one lament the injustice of the enemy when only a negligible fraction of the Ummah itself is moved by the events in Syria? Muslims all over the world have witnessed the systematic destruction of entire cities by Assad's regime, besides the horrendous massacres that have been carried out on a scale unprecedented in recent history, but the response of the Ummah has not lived up to the expectations of their brothers and sisters in Syria. The entire world, including countries with apparently conflicting interests in the region, have reached a consensus on prolonging the life of Assad's regime and bleeding the Muslim masses in Syria to a slow and painful death. Yet, a one billion strong Ummah fails to rally behind this most consequential cause!

Having said this, we reaffirm our belief that this Ummah will never cease to be a source of benevolence and goodwill, and that the virtues of the blessed land of Syria are enduring. With the permission and blessing of Allah, the Mujahideen in Syria will succeed in their mission of defending their oppressed people, bringing victory to this religion, and ultimately liberating Al Aqsa. We have strong hope that they are the ones who will strive for the rule

We in Jabhat an Nusra and the Jihadi movement in general had been anticipating this step by the Americans. Some people may be taken aback by this statement. But they've fooled the people long enough...The American-Iranian nexus is an open secret now.

Shaykh Abu-Muhammad Fateh Al-Jawlani
An Interview to Al-Jazeera





"The destruction that we see in Syria today has affected all aspects of life. Although it is something extremely tragic that makes every true believer grieve, a Jihad that successfully reaches its destination cannot be conducted except under these kind of ground conditions. A land that has reached such a stage is similar to Afghanistan, where the Ameerul Momineen, Mullah Muhammad Omar, does not need to fear the threats of America or the tyrants of the East and the West. A land where life is opulent is precisely where people fear Jihad, for it may bring an end to their luxury and comfort. Therefore, they readily accept humiliation and servitude out of fear of losing worldly benefits. This is why the chosen one (peace be upon him) said, "It is not poverty that I fear about you". This is applicable to individuals, but it is even more true when it comes to entire nations. Luxury is the enemy of Jihad and an enemy of truth and those who uphold it."

Shaykh Abu Qatada (may Allah protect him)

of the Shariah, bring an end to the dominance of disbelief, and stand up to the conspiracies of the enemy.

Let us also not forget that the Mujahideen in Syria remain in strong need of our moral and material support. Generally speaking, we believe that every Muslim has a heavy duty on his shoulders with regards to the burning issues of the Ummah. But in the case of Syria- the most critical Islamic cause of this age- this responsibility becomes even more grave. In what follows, I will summarize the most important duties that every Muslim owes to the Syrian cause:

- *Dua for the people of Syria and the oppressed Muslims everywhere, and particularly for the Mujahideen who are fighting for the sake of this religion. There is no excuse for any negligence in this duty, since nothing can bar a man from invoking his Lord.*
- *Supporting the Jihad in Syria with wealth; for finance is the sinews of war, without which it*

cannot be conducted.

- *Participation in the Jihad physically, which represents the most sublime act of devotion in Islam. It is the acid test of a person's truthfulness and faith. It is by fighting for the sake of Allah that one earns the highest stations in the eyes of His Lord, and eternal bliss in Paradise.*
- *Jihad with one's words, inviting Muslims to support their religion, and inciting them to aid the Jihad by all means available.*
- *Striving our utmost to increase unity amongst the Mujahideen and to put an end to disputes among them.*
- *Encouraging parties involved in infighting to resolve their disagreements by submitting to the Quran and Sunnah.*

Every Muslim will be answerable to Allah concerning the assistance he has rendered this religion and the services he has offered to those facing persecution in Syria and elsewhere. If one becomes preoccupied with this world or inclines towards the rulings of scholars on the pay roll of hypocritical governments, or towards people who stay back in the comfort of their homes only to oppose the Jihad and Mujahideen for the sake of their own comfort and safety, this will not be of any avail in front of Allah on the Day of Judgment. The worst one can do in these testing times for the Ummah is to become one of those who not only stay away from Jihad, and thus fail to fulfill their obligation towards the Ummah, but go beyond this miserable condition to actively oppose the Jihad and the Mujahideen. Each one of us must fear Allah regarding his responsibility towards the Ummah, evaluate his own situation, and hold himself accountable before he is held accountable.

In the end, I encourage you to head for the land regarding which our Prophet (peace be upon him) repeated three times: "Glad tidings for Syria!" The Companions inquired, "Why so?" The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "Because the angels of Allah have spread their wings over Syria". After mentioning that there will be an army in Yemen, an army in Syria, and an army in Iraq, the Prophet (peace be upon him) expressed his preference for Syria, saying: "It is the best of Allah's land to which He brings the best of His slaves!"

Therefore, make your way for the best of Allah's land so that you too can be among the best of His slaves.

And may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet, Muhammad.



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"HOW OFTEN, BY ALLAH'S WILL, HAS A SMALL FORCE VANQUISHED A LARGER ONE!"
(AL-QURAN)









DID YOU KNOW?

10 Facts About East Turkistan







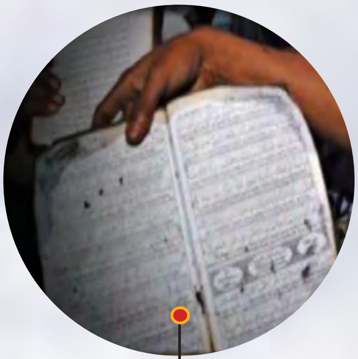
1. Historically, East Turkistan has never been a part of China. It is one of the territories colonized by the Han Chinese. It lies beyond the Great Wall, which was built to defend China from invasions, and west of the Jade Gate, which is described by most historical sources as marking the western limits of China. Naming the region Xinjiang/Sinkiang (New Dominion) does not change this historical reality.

2. In the last two millennia, East Turkistan has remained independent of China for more than 1800 years. In the last 1000 years of its Islamic history, it has remained independent for 763 years, while 237 years have been spent under Chinese occupation at various intervals.

3. In 1949, 93 percent of the population of East Turkistan was Uyghur (Turk Muslims), while 7 percent was Chinese. Today, as a result of six decades of forced displacement of the native population and the settlement of Han Chinese in their place, almost 45 percent of the population of East Turkistan is Chinese.



4. After the Communist takeover in 1949, more than 4.5 million Turkish Muslims were killed by the Communist government in successive waves of ethnic cleansing.



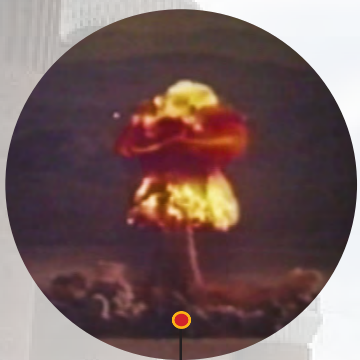
5. The Chinese government confiscated all copies of the Quran as well as religious texts it could get hold of. 30,700 printed texts and classical Islamic manuscripts were burnt. 28,000 mosques were shut down by the government and turned into bars. 18,000 madrassas were turned into warehouses. 120,000 religious figures (scholars, imams of mosques) were executed. 54,000 were sent to work in forced labour camps.



6. The punishment for teaching Quran in China: 10 years imprisonment.



7. Muslim women are officially banned from wearing hijab. If a woman is caught wearing hijab by the authorities, she is fined 5600 dollars. (The average annual income of a Muslim in East Turkistan is 1000 dollars.)



8. China has conducted 35 nuclear tests in East Turkistan thus far. It is estimated that more than 200,000 Muslims have died from the radioactive fallout thus far. In a single year (1998), more than 20,000 deformed babies were born in East Turkistan. In the last few decades, there has been a sharp rise in cancer patients, fatalities from unknown diseases, and cases of paralysis.



9. Youth under the age of 20 are not allowed to learn the Quran, pray in mosques, or offer Friday prayers. The time limit for Friday prayers is 20 minutes.



10. China maintains a presence of 1 million soldiers and members of the security service in East Turkistan.



"Let the world perish;
let us all perish;
let our groups, organizations and projects perish...
but not a single drop of **Muslim blood**
be shed at **our hands.**
This is an absolutely clear-cut and decisive issue."

Shaykh Jamal Ibrahim al Masrati
(Attiyatullah Al-Leebi)
(may Allah have mercy on him)



Practical Steps Towards the Liberation of Palestine and the Restoration of the Caliphate

It is time for us to fight fire with fire, and impose our own blockade and embargo on the Jews and Crusaders, by hitting them where it hurts and striking the heart and lifeblood of their economy, represented by international trade and finance.

BESIEGE THEM!

Adam Yahiye Gadahn



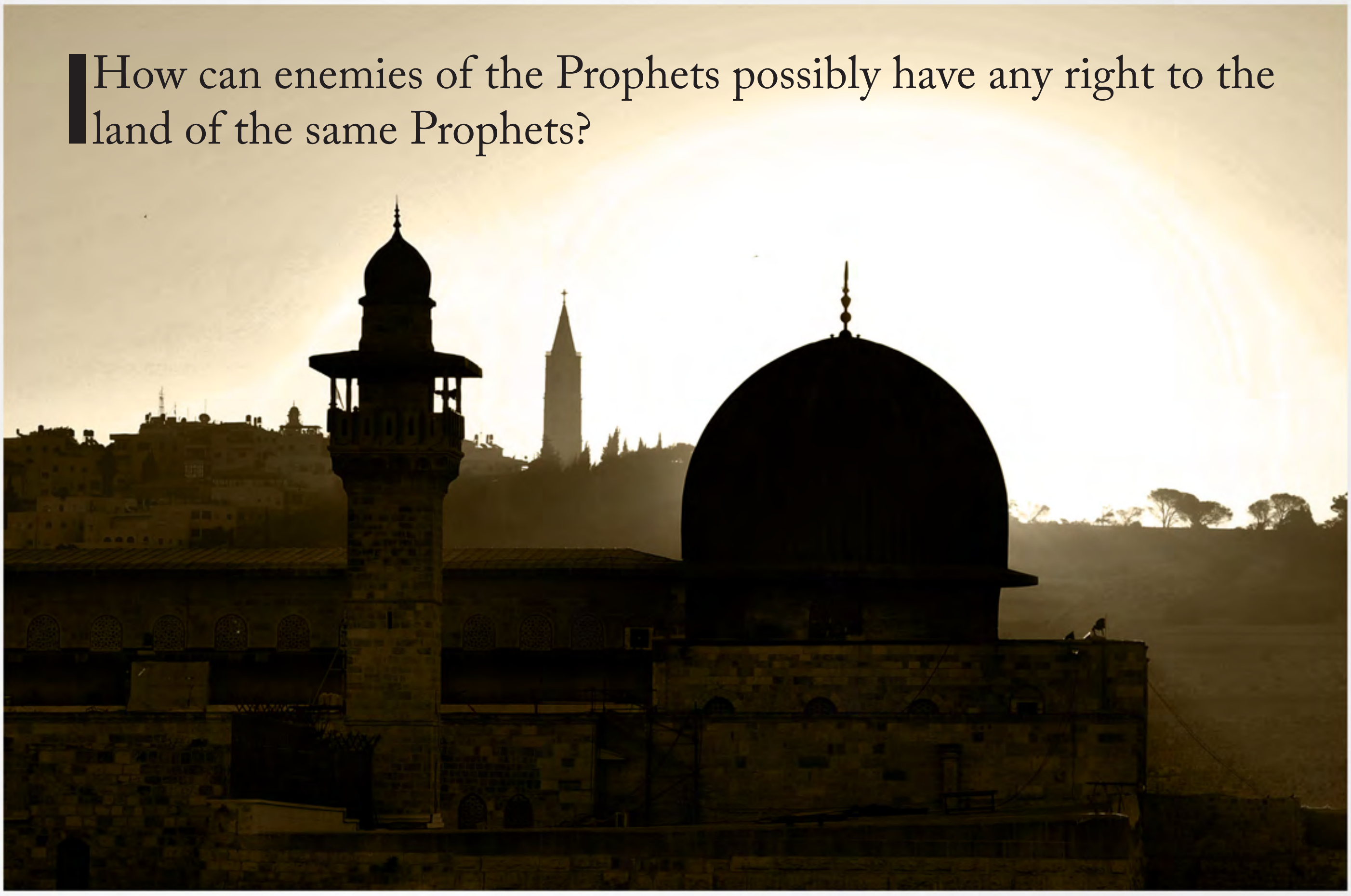
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more than two decades, Muslims have been told that the just solution to the problem of the Jewish occupation of Palestine is in the Western-sponsored creation of an emaciated, defenseless and nominally independent state for Arabs on a mere fraction of the land of Palestine, with the lion's share remaining in the hands of the Jews for them to rule and corrupt as they please. The so-called "two-state solution" – which in practical terms is a "one and one-half state solution" (or perhaps a "one and one-third state solution"!) – is not only unacceptable to the majority of Palestinians, it is also against the laws and principles of Islam, and ignores the fact that Palestine was an Islamic land and will always be an Islamic land; and this is why the only way forward and the only just answer to the Palestinian "question" is the removal of "Israel" in its entirety and the recovery of *all* of Muslim Palestine *by* Muslims and *for* Muslims.

Palestine is for Muslims, because Palestine is the Land of the Prophets, and Muslims are the true heirs to the Prophets and not the Jews.

If the Torah, Evangel and Quran clearly state that Allah's covenant doesn't extend to the wrongdoers, even if they be offspring of Prophets, how then could there possibly be any validity in the Jews' claims that Palestine is their birthright? Not only did the Children of Israel – from whom emerged the Jews – fail to discharge the responsibility they were given to worship Allah alone, do good deeds for His sake, enjoin good and forbid evil and spread His religion, they also disbelieved in some of the Prophets and Messengers sent to reform and guide them, to the extent of killing some of them and making gods out of others. How then can the Jews – the killers of the Prophets and perverters of their Messages – justifiably claim to have any right to the land of the Prophets, except as peaceful, law-abiding subjects of the Islamic state?

According to a hadeeth in Saheeh Muslim, Al-Masjid al-Aqsa in al-Quds was built 40 years after the building of the first masjid on earth, al-Masjid al-Haraam in Makkah. Although there is a difference of opinion among historians about which Prophet first built them and when, there is no dispute about



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"Israel" is erased from the map, Gaza will remain an American-sponsored-and-sanctioned modern day concentration camp and be subjected to indiscriminate bombardment by the Jews on the flimsiest of pretexts.



the fact that they were both built and renovated by Prophets. The foundations of Al-Masjid al-Haraam were raised by the Prophet Abraham and his son Prophet Ishmael (peace be upon them) the latter of whom the Jews (and Christians) insult and belittle on the basis of the additions and subtractions their monks, rabbis and scribes have made in their holy books and falsely attributed to Allah. Meanwhile, al-Masjid al-Aqsa was renovated and expanded by the Noble Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him), whom the Jews (and Christians) not only accuse of sorcery and idol worship, and his father of adultery and other abominations, they even deny that he and his father were Prophets in the first place, referring to them derisively as "King" Solomon and "King" David. So how can such enemies of the Prophets possibly have any right to the Land of those same Prophets?

In the period following the age of the Hebrew Prophets and prior to the coming of Christ, peace be upon him, and in the centuries which followed, Palestine was ruled for the most part by polytheists and tyrants, with a few notable exceptions, until it was liberated in 637 by the Muslims under the leadership of our Chief Omar bin al-Khattab, the second Khalifah – or successor – to our Prophet Muhammad, peace and prayers of Allah be upon him. Omar (may Allah be pleased with him) undertook the cleaning and restoration of al-Masjid al-Aqsa, which the Christians – there were no Jews in al-Quds at the time – had been using as a garbage dump.

Palestine and al-Aqsa flourished in Muslim hands until al-Quds was occupied and sacked and its inhabitants – including the Jews, for under Muslim rule there *were* Jews in Palestine – were murdered by Bible-believing, Pope-following – rather, Pope-worshipping – fundamentalist Christians in 1099 during the First Crusade.

88 years later, in 1187, the great Muslim commander Salahuddin al-Ayyubi recovered al-Quds for Islam. He cleaned and renovated al-Masjid al-Aqsa, which the Crusaders had been using as a stable for their horses. It would not be until 1916 that Palestine was again lost to the Jews and Crusaders, this time by way of the Balfour declaration and the Sykes-Picot agreement.

Some readers may be curious about why I have provided this summary of the history of Palestine and al-Aqsa. My reply is that you would be surprised at the number of Muslims out there who are unaware of the Islamic history of Palestine and thus may be taken in by Zionist propaganda in this regard.

The Jewish occupation of Palestine and the methodical and genocidal persecution of the Palestinians – the most recent manifestation of which is the ongoing Israeli aggression against Gaza which has so far taken the lives of more than 2000 Muslims and wounded more than 8000 – is the inevitable outcome of the Sykes-Picot accord, which was drawn up secretly by Britain, France

and Russia in 1916 and revealed to the world in 1917. This sinister accord divided the once-mighty, once-united Muslim nation into dozens of feeble statelets ruled by proxies and agents of the West. The ability of the Jews to perpetuate their occupation of Palestine and continue their relentless subjugation and humiliation of its populace with impunity and without fear of reprisal or accounting for their crimes is the direct result of the ratification by these statelets of the founding charter of the United Nations, which obligates member states to abide by the resolutions of the American-led, Israeli-influenced Security Council and requires member states to defend and preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other member states, especially "Israel".

It is only through the abolishment of Sykes-Picot, the United Nations charter and all similar accords that Palestine and other occupied Muslim lands from Spain to East Turkistan can be recovered and their Muslim populations be able to live in security, honor and dignity in the shade of the Islamic Caliphate.

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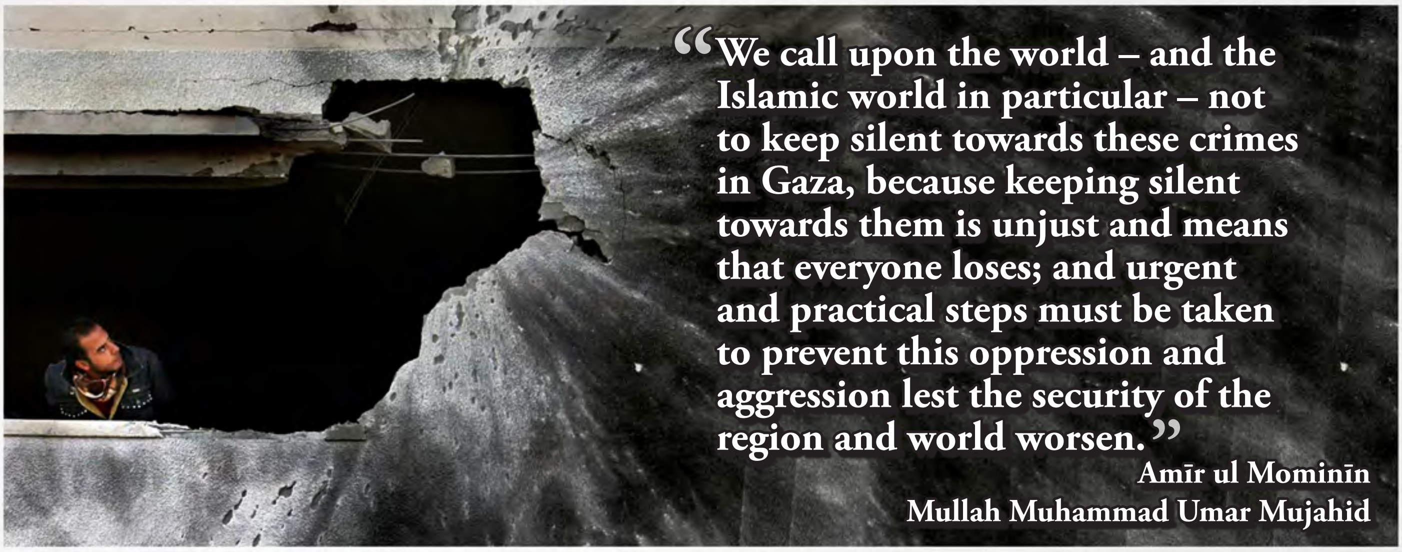
Until and unless "Israel" is erased from the map, the children of Palestine will continue to suffer poverty and deprivation of the worst sort, a deprivation in which they aren't only deprived of their homes and health, but are also deprived of their lives and loved ones.

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Until and unless "Israel" is erased from the map, Palestinian mothers and fathers in Gaza will continue to have to watch their children die slow and miserable deaths, because they are unable to procure proper medical treatment in Gaza's understaffed and undersupplied hospitals; and that's assuming these hospitals are spared by Israeli airstrikes in the first place, and aren't targeted like the main Ash-Shifa medical complex was on the first day of Eid al-Fitr (a playground was also targeted, resulting in the killing at least 8 children).

Until and unless practical steps are taken to erase "Israel" from the map, unspeakable crimes like these will continue to be perpetrated in the shadow of an international and regional stance which oscillates between open collusion and disgraceful silence; and here I quote from the message of Amīr ul Mominīn Mullah Muhammad Umar Mujahid – may Allah preserve him – on the occasion of Eid-al-Fitr 1435, in which he said, "We condemn and denounce the savage aggression of the Israeli usurper entity against the oppressed Palestinians which has killed, wounded and displaced hundreds and thousands in the blessed month of Ramadan. We call upon the world – and the Islamic world in particular – not to keep silent towards these crimes, because keeping silent towards them is unjust and means that everyone loses; *and urgent and practical steps must be taken to prevent this oppression and aggression lest the security of the region and world worsen*."

We are today facing a barbaric enemy coalition



whose actions are in diametric contradiction to the language of humanitarianism, coexistence and rational dialogue which it hypocritically uses and demands the rest of the world to abide by, even as it flouts every principle of humanitarianism and coexistence imaginable.

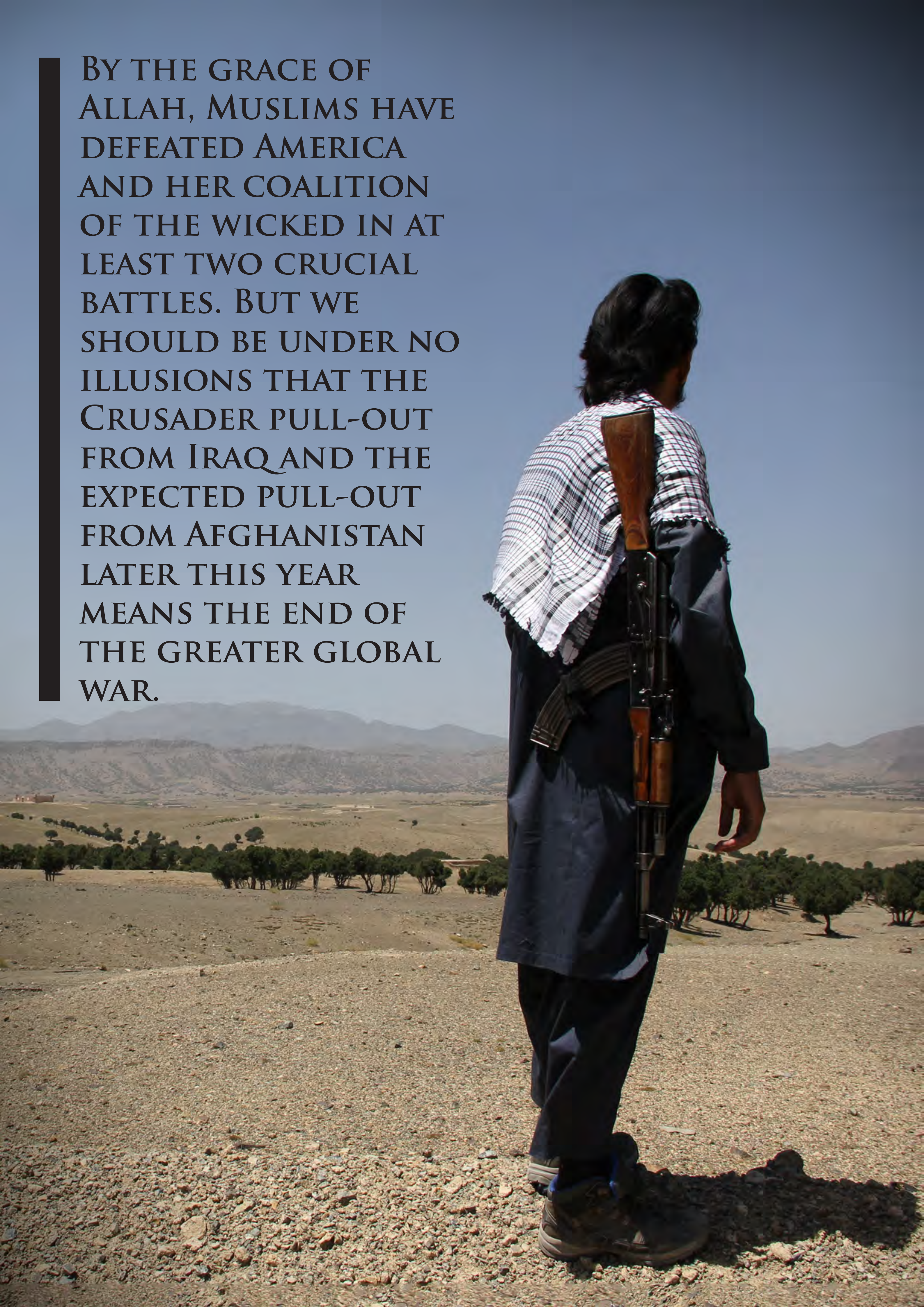
The brutal and heartless bombing of civilian homes, schools, shelters, hospitals and children's playgrounds in Gaza and the unrelenting international blockade and embargo imposed on the Strip by the Jews and Crusaders and their allies are acts of oppression being carried out in defense of oppression and in defense of the Jews' false claim to Palestine, and that's why no Muslim can condone them. However, blockades and embargoes are legitimate and effective military tactics when used proportionally and in defense of the truth and its people. Muslim armies have successfully made use of such tactics on numerous occasions throughout history, from the blockade the Prophet (peace and prayers of Allah be upon him) imposed on the Jews of Banu Quraydah, to the Ottoman siege of Constantinople, right down to the present day and the Iraqi Mujahideen's besieging of the Crusaders and their proxies in Baghdad in general and in the Green Zone in particular, a siege which played a major role in the weakening and eventual defeat of the coalition.

Repeated aggression by Israel against Palestinian towns and villages and the oppressive embargo imposed on the defenseless population of Gaza will not come to an end by way of the inaction that has regrettably plagued the Muslim world. This is why it is time for us to fight fire with fire, and impose our own blockade and embargo on the Jews and Crusaders, by hitting them where it hurts and striking the heart and lifeblood of their economy, represented by international trade and finance.

The Mujahideen must seek to paralyze international trade for the enemy states, or at the very least, increase its costs, by targeting their cargo ships and merchant marines in Islamic waters, ports, canals and straits, on the high seas, and in their own territorial waters, and by disrupting their shipping routes wherever and however possible. Any of their ships are legitimate targets, but exports are the key to any economy, including the economies of the West.

The Mujahideen must seek to deprive the enemies of the precious oil and mineral resources they are stealing from us and using to fuel their war machine, by sabotaging Crusader-run oil wells and mines in Islamic lands and destroying pipelines before the oil reaches the coast and falls into enemy hands, and by sinking their supertankers and sabotaging their oil rigs in enemy waters, and in the process, ruining their lucrative fishing





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industries like they have ruined ours in Gaza, Somalia, and elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Muslims must continue to boycott American, Crusader and Jewish businesses and products, from cars and computers to candies and clothing, and we must produce, purchase and support local alternatives whenever possible. Major Western companies and multinational corporations like Wal-Mart, MacDonald's, Proctor and Gamble, Microsoft, Nestle and Unilever are symbols of the rampant Crusader globalization which is characterized by the exploitation of the weak and impoverished, and the destruction of local economies. It is our duty as Muslims and as Mujahideen to stop this at all costs.

Muslims must avoid as much as possible banks and financial markets, because not only are they based on the so-called "interest", which is nothing but usury, whose users, abusers and beneficiaries Allah has threatened with war (see al-Quran 2:275-281). Banks are also an integral part of the Western-run global economic system which has become a tool for enslaving the Muslims and other oppressed people of the world.

Instead, Muslims must start to make efforts to reinstate gold, silver and other basic commodities as the standards and mediums of exchange, and begin experimenting with barter systems as initial steps on the way to attaching the industrial production base to a local Islamic economy and ridding ourselves of the enemy's national and global economies. Reinstating gold as a medium of exchange is also necessary for ridding ourselves of the usurious fractional reserve banking system that creates money from nothing, ties our markets and industries to the economies of the West, puts us at the mercy of the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization, and makes us vulnerable to international sanctions, economic embargoes, and countless other forms of interference in our society, culture, government and religion.

Some might ask, "Is it reasonable to ask Muslims to try to free themselves from the clutches of the international financial system before the defeat of Kufr Internationale and establishment of the greater Islamic state?"

My reply is: Yes, it's perfectly reasonable to encourage the Muslims to begin to prepare themselves financially and economically for the victory of Islam, the same way we encourage them to prepare, organize and educate themselves religiously, militarily and politically in order to pave the way for the establishment of the Islamic state! Today more than ever before, Muslims have begun to understand that they will never be able to achieve the economic prosperity and political independence they aspire to without first freeing their countries from the usurious global financial system and the disproportionately large influence of international donors.

Soumaya Ghannoushi, in an article for *The Guardian* entitled "Backstage, it's business as usual", published shortly after the beginning of the popular uprisings in the Arab world three years ago, noted the growing awareness of this fact in the region while warning about Western efforts to undermine and sabotage the fledgling revolutions in the Arab world using some of the systems and institutions I alluded to above. I quote here some of the relevant passages from her article (emphases are mine):

"The West is not only deploying hard military power in its attempt to control the process of change. It is directing its economic arm to that end too, *through the World Bank and the IMF.* Recently, the president of the World Bank, Robert Zoellick, addressed a group of Arab activists, praising change in the region as a 'striking moment engendering its own momentum'. Hearing him speak of the problems facing 'people in north Africa and the Middle East', one could have mistaken him for an innocent, independent analyst with no relation whatsoever to the economic crises with which these regions are struggling.

"This is part of a campaign to conceal a fundamental fact about what is happening: *that people are not only rebelling against an internationally backed political authoritarianism, but against the economic model imposed by the IMF, World Bank* and, in the case of Tunisia and Egypt,



the EU's structural reform programmes.
"In Tunisia, the first Arab country to sign the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement in 1995, more than 67 per cent of publicly-owned firms *have been privatised*, while in Egypt the number stands at 164 out of 314. This went with *the drowning of these countries' economies in debt*, thus holding them hostage to *handouts from the US and the EU*."
And that's just the first of a series of vicious circles designed to keep the Muslim world under the control of the West! To understand what the privatization of publicly-owned firms actually means and find out just how oppressive this and other neocolonialist policies are, I highly recommend *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* and *The Secret History of the American Empire* by John Perkins.
It remains to be said, however, that despite the growing wave of popular opposition to which Ghannoushi alluded, the so-called revolutionary government in Tunisia – under the leadership of the quasi-Islamic Renaissance Party led by Summayya's father Rached and husband Rafik Abdessalam – as well as the new/old orders in Egypt, Libya and Yemen, did little more than continue the old regimes' practice of borrowing from the World Bank and the IMF and accepting yet more strings-attached donations from America, the EU and other donor nations (not to mention their continuation of the old regimes' "counter-terrorism" policies, but that's a topic for another day), thereby dashing the hopes of populaces eager for real change and paving the way for the reemergence of the very same ruling elites and vested interests which the uprisings set out to topple.
Nevertheless, there is a consensus in Western halls of power that the global economic system is currently at its most fragile and vulnerable, particularly in light of the upheavals in the Arab and Muslim world and the massive and growing sovereign debt and budget crises in Europe and America which are leading to massive political and social upheaval even in the West. This is why Western leaders are expressing growing concern about the viability of the system and its negative impact on the future of Western civilization, with some of them even going so far as to declare the system fundamentally flawed and propose a return to a pre-Bretton Woods model. Of course, since such an overhaul would mean giving up several irreplaceable tools of Western global hegemony, America and her Crusader allies aren't likely to agree to it, which means the continuation of the war of attrition, which will – Allah willing – eventually culminate in the collapse of their economic system, and along with it, their global empire.
Like all weapons, the economic weapon is a double-edged sword, and the West is just as at risk from this type of warfare as the Muslim world is. This period of historic uncertainty and instability demands of every Muslim that he or she joins the fight and do his or her part to make life a little more difficult for the Zionists and Crusaders and contribute to their ultimate defeat.
Today, thanks to Allah and then to the sacrifices and resolve of the Mujahideen and their visionary leaders like Ameer-ul-Mumineen Mulla Muhammad Umar Mujahid (may Allah preserve him), the martyr Shaykh Usama bin Ladin (may Allah have mercy on him), and our Mujahid Ameer Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri (may Allah preserve him), the head of International Unbelief, America, is at an unprecedented stage of weakness which is threatening the very foundations of its evil empire.

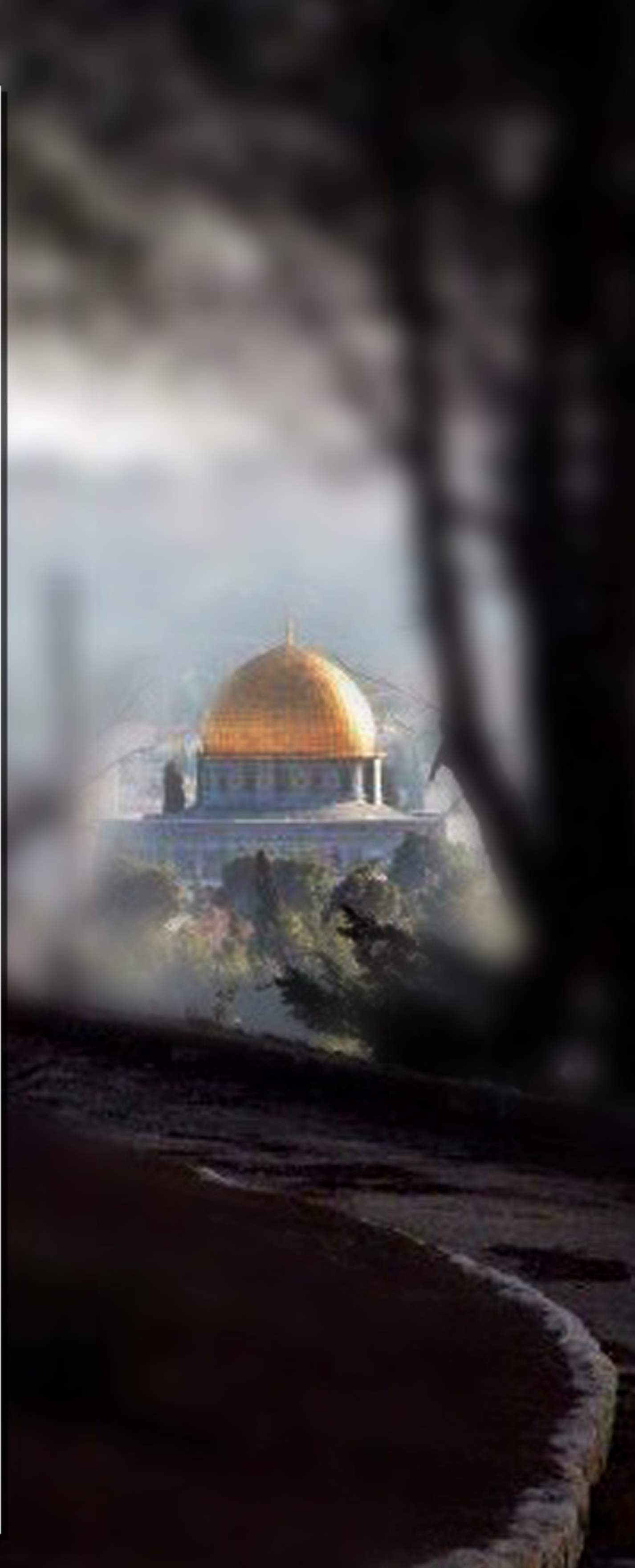


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With the Islamic Ummah plagued by numerous other occupations and embargoes and Palestine still at the mercy of the merciless Jews and in their clutches, with followers of the Prophet Muhammad - peace and prayers of Allah be upon him - under attack from Mali, Nigeria and the Central African Republic in the West to Syria, Iraq, Burma and Thailand in the East, and with the Muslims in the grip of neocolonialism, dictatorships, poverty, ignorance, irreligiousness and blind imitation and following of the disbelievers, the path ahead of us is by no means an easy one. But if each one of us makes a sincere effort to participate in the struggle against the enemies of Islam and oppressors of Muslims, while at the same time making a sincere effort to apply his religion and educate and reform himself and those around him, Allah shall – if He so wills – bless our efforts and give us victory over the disbelievers and over the evil in ourselves, and shall unite us and establish for us the Islamic Caliphate towards which we are working.

Dear Muslim: The path to victory over our enemies and the establishment of our Caliphate isn't confined to armed action alone, but includes all legitimate ways and means which support, strengthen and advance the military effort and lead to our success in this battle for the future of the Muslim Ummah. So don't delay, and play your part in the Jihad today, whether your part be military, financial, economic, educational, motivational or otherwise. Be patient and resolute, and instill patience and resolve in your brothers, because this war is still in its infancy.

Wal-Hamdu-Lillahi Rabb al-'Aalameen.



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The Pakistan Army is a perfectly Islamic & Jihadi Army... The only problem with it is that most of its regiments were raised- before the creation of Pakistan- by the notorious British General, 'Lord' Kitchener. After its creation, its first Army Chief was a British General, Frank Messervy. Its second Army Chief was another British General, Douglas David Gracy. The founder of its primary training institution, the Pakistan Military Academy, was a British officer, Brigadier Engel. The founder of its commando unit -the SSG- was Colonel Grant Taylor, yet another Britisher...

Doesn't quite add up?

Well, if two noble Englishmen, 'Sir' Durand and 'Sir' Radcliffe, can draw the boundaries of an 'Islamic State' (the 'Fortress of Islam')... why can't a few fine British gentlemen lay the foundations of an Islamic Army?

Pakistan Army

An Islamic & Jihadi Army





The Other Side of the Story

Hassaan Yusuf

A distant but loud thud. The shrilling whistle of an incoming missile with sounds of spinning propellers clearly audible in the background: three seconds that seem like eternity. And bang.



The Americans have fired yet another Hellfire missile from the distant comfort of a UAV control room in Bagram Air Base, or farther still, Langley, Virginia. On the ground amidst the smoke, dust and charred remains of innocent tribesmen, the inimitable fragrance exuding from the blood of the martyrs reminds one of the saying of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) regarding the Anti-Christ (*Dajjal*), "He will have with him a hellfire and a paradise; his hellfire will be paradise, and his paradise hellfire."[1]

This is the reality of the drone war that has been waging since the last seven years in the "Land of the Pure"[2], the "Islamic" Republic as some simpletons insist on calling it. What we shall try to uncover here is the net of conspiracy and deceit woven by the most impure commodity in the land of the pure, the Pakistan Army, and the impact of the drone war on the lives of ordinary people.

For seven years we have been forced to listen to this nauseating narrative: American drones violate the sovereignty of the most sovereign nation on earth. Unknown to the thousands of uniformed dumb-wits manning the border with Afghanistan, they intrude into Pakistani airspace without prior 'permission', execute 'surgical' strikes, and return to the safety of their bases in Afghanistan. They say you can fool some of the people sometimes, but not everyone all the time. Even the Americans were not impressed by this lame show of hypocrisy put up by the moronic trio of ISPR, politicians and the Foreign Office. In due time, this stomach-turning mantra of "sovereignty violated" became too sickening for some American officials to bear, hence it didn't take long for them to lift the veil from this uncanny show of hypocrisy put up by their servants in Islamabad. We were told that drones never violated the sovereignty of Pakistan in the first place, since it was Pakistani bases they took off from to deliver their deadly payload in the tribal areas.

(1) Hudhaifa (R.A) narrates that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: 'The Dajjal is blind in the left eye, with curly hairs. He will have with a paradise and a hellfire; his hellfire will be paradise and his paradise hellfire.'
Muslim, *Kitabul Fitan, Zikrudajjal wa Sifatuhu wa mun ma'ahu*: Hadeeth No. 5222, Bukhari: Hadeeth No. 6597
Also see Bukhari: *Kitabul Fitan, Bab Zikrudajjal*, Hadeeth No. 6597

(2) Pakistan literally means the Land of the Pure



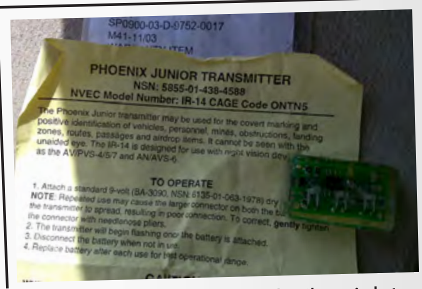
But this is just one side of the story. People have been led to believe that the drone can spot its target with its "all-seeing one eye", and that facilitation for drone strikes by the Pakistan Army and its intelligence services has been limited to providing the Jacobabad and Shamsi Airbases in Balochistan as a launching pad for this operation. What has been scrupulously hidden from public view is the mean extent to which officers of the MI (Military Intelligence) and ISI have been involved in recruiting networks of spies, identifying targets, and doling out cash rewards to criminals who place infrared chips and homing devices on targets. Bulk of the payment received from the Americans is, of course, pocketed by these officers of the Pakistani intelligence agencies.

IR Transmitter Recovered from American Logistic Supplies



Unknown to most people, the role of the drones comes in at a much later stage, i.e. when these '*desi goras*' have performed the dirty spadework of gathering sustained ground intelligence and getting infrared devices placed on the cars or residence of intended targets so that the drone can finally home in and execute a successful kill. What do these 'house niggers' get in return? Passport to hell aside, a pat on the back and a few pennies, followed by the insatiable demand to "Do More".

IR Transmitter with Manual. Drones may use IR Transmitters to Identiy Targets



Not long ago, there were authentic inside reports of the presence of Americans in the Wana Camp, overseeing the whole show. A company of SSG, we were informed, was present to ensure their security. The place where the Americans were residing was declared off-limits to ordinary soldiers inside the Camp. According to another inside report, there is a control room for drone operations, manned by Pakistani and American officials, inside the Mir Ali Camp as well. This facility is reportedly equipped to monitor and control the movement of drones once they enter Waziristan's airspace. This facility is also off-limits for ordinary soldiers and junior officers in the Mir Ali Camp.

IR Transmitter (Left) with Ultraviolet Ink (Right) for Marking Targets



But with or without Americans inside Waziristan, dozens of interviews of captured spies all attest to the same fact: officers of Pakistan Army and its intelligence services from the rank of major and above are involved in this lucrative game of hunting targets for drone strikes inside Pakistan. It is they who are the real pilots of unmanned drones, and not the dumb Yankee sitting behind a computer screen somewhere in Bagram or Virginia who can't even make out a goat from a man in the towns and villages of Waziristan.

Doesn't seem plausible? Then take this from the Army's own sources. Under a classified report of the Army titled "Talibanisation of Waziristan", dating back to 2006, the authors on page 8 of the report under the title "Mil Aspect: Emp and Tgt Strat Conjuct with Policy of Engagement"[3] suggest that the following target strategy should be employed in Waziristan:

"Recommended tgt strat and emp of force thereof is as under:-

(3) Military Aspect: Employment and Target Strategy in Conjunction with Policy of Engagement

---COLLATERAL DAMAGE WORRIES YOU AMERICANS. IT DOES NOT WORRY ME...



"After an hour of conversation, the Pakistani president met one-on-one with Hayden. Zardari wanted to clear the air about the controversy over civilian deaths from drones. He had only been president since September and could afford a drop in his approval ratings. Innocent deaths were the cost of doing business against senior al Qaeda leaders. 'Kill the seniors', Zardari said. 'Collateral damage worries you Americans. It does not worry me.' Zardari had just given the CIA an important green light."

BOB WOODWARD, OBAMA'S WARS, SIMON SCHUSTER, 2010, pg 20

Decapitation ops by Predator, AHs and arty[4] be launched when the tgt int[5] is 100% cfm[6]."

Understandably, the option of putting boots on the ground in sting operations by the SSG or conventional cordon and search operations comes last for these cowards.

In another report titled "OPS IN LIC ENVMT PECULIAR TO FATA"[7], the authors attest to the utility of drone attacks for the army. On page 22 of the report under the title "Brief Reappraisal of Ops Conducted-NWA" the author notes:

"**Decapitation Ops**. On cfm of tgts and aval[8] of real-time int in the suspected areas / compounds a no of such ops were exec through kinetic strikes/precision engagement platforms. These were most successful."

Note that in this report the author avoids the use of the word "predator", and instead chooses to use the technical jargon of "precision engagement platforms" and "kinetic strikes" instead of drone attacks. Moreover, when reading the above lines, one does not get the least hint that one army is considering the option of requesting help from another. The authors of the report talk about drones as if they own them as much as their masters. This lays bare the reality that ideological proximity between the two crusading armies has taken on the dimensions of an organizational merger. Given such subordination to the Americans and the desire to identify themselves with their masters, we shouldn't be surprised if, in the days to follow, the Pakistan Army formally becomes the 'Gurkha' Regiment of the American Army![9]

"We'll Protest...And then Ignore it"

According to a report prepared by the Stanford Law School in collaboration with the NYU School of Law, "from 2004 through at least 2007, the Pakistani government claimed responsibility for attacks that had, in fact, been conducted by the US, thus allowing the US to deny any involvement."[10] Some army officials involved in 'cover-up strikes' have also confirmed that in several instances, immediately after a drone strike, Army helicopters or Air Force jets were scrambled to bomb the same site again so as to afford the Americans a chance to deny involvement. According to one such source, late Major Zakaul Haq[11], who was posted in Wana during 2004-05, the Americans had informed their Pakistani counterparts that they intended to bomb a madrassah in Mehsud. As part of the understanding, jets of the Pakistani Air Force were to bomb the same site again minutes after the drone strike. However, due to some misunderstanding, the Pakistani jets arrived at 10 am in the morning, two hours after the drone strike, and ended up bombing civilians who had gathered to evacuate the injured buried underneath the debris of the madrassah compound. The drone strike and the subsequent attack by the PAF resulted in the death of more than 70 civilians.

Diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks in 2008 also reveal a similar indifference towards drone strikes on the part of senior Pakistani officials. One such cable mentions Pakistan's Prime Minister reportedly telling US Embassy officials, "I don't care if they [conduct strikes] as long

(4) artillery
(5) target information
(6) confirmed
(7) Operations in Low Intensity Conflict Environment Peculiar to FATA
(8) availability

(9) The British Army as part of its imperial legacy maintains a regiment of native Nepalis known as the Gurkha Regiment
(10) Stanford Law School and NYU School of Law, Living under Drones: Death, Injury, and Trauma to Civilians from US Drone Practices in Pakistan (September, 2012), Pakistan's Divided Role, pg 16

(11) Major Zakaul Haq was a Captain back then and was directly involved in the whole cover-up operation at the Wana Camp. He was killed in the avalanche in Siachen last year (2013). He confided this story personally to his former class fellow at CCH, Ahmad Farooq, who is now Head of Dawah and Communication for Al Qa'eda in Pakistan.



Graves of the Martyrs of a Drone Strike in Bajaur

as they get the right people. We'll protest in the National Assembly and then ignore it."[12] But the story doesn't end at the former Prime Minister's shameless attempt to hoodwink this nation.

A report published recently in the Washington Post reveals the explicit nature of the cooperation between the Pakistani intelligence agencies and the United States. According to the report, top-secret CIA documents and diplomatic cables obtained by the newspaper confirm direct Pakistani involvement in the selection of targets. The documents include several files marked as 'talking points' for the Deputy Director of the CIA, Michael J Morell (retired in 2013), who delivered regular briefings on the drone programme to Hussain Haqqani, Pakistan's former ambassador to the US. The report claims that the memos, marked as top-secret, were cleared for release to the Pakistani government and regularly forwarded by 'diplomatic bag' to senior officials in Islamabad. Some of the memos, says the report, confirm direct Pakistani involvement in drone strikes. A 2010 entry, for example, describes hitting a location 'at the request of your government'. Another from that year refers to 'a network of locations associated with a joint CIA-ISI targeting effort'.[13]

An Untold Story: Civilian Life under Drones

For the majority of Pakistanis, the war in FATA seems to be a rather distant phenomenon, whose echoes they only occasionally hear when security personnel, government functionaries, and logistic convoys of NATO are attacked inside Pakistan. What is oblivious to most Pakistanis is that the drones hovering twenty four seven in the skies of the tribal areas, especially Waziristan, are a constant reminder of death and destruction for the inhabitants of this region.

(12) Ibid
(13) Secret Memos Reveal Explicit Nature of US, Pakistan Agreement on Drones, Bob Woodward and Greg Miller (Oct 24, 2013), (http://www.washintonpost.com/world/nationalsecurity/top-Pakistani le)

"I feel ashamed if I look up towards the sky..."

Shaykh Abdul Bari

One of the brothers narrates an interesting incident about Shaykh Abdul Bari (may Allah have mercy on him). Shaykh Abdul Bari first came to Afghanistan in the 1980s. Until his martyrdom, he was among the oldest Mujahideen present in the field. He resembled Shaykh Osama in his appearance and height to the extent that in the early years of Jihad, rumors started circulating in Waziristan that Shaykh Osama had been spotted in Angoor Ada. Known for his asceticism, he was an extremely pious person. He was eventually martyred in a drone strike in Wana in December 2012. May Allah accept him amongst the martyrs and grant him a high position in Paradise. Ameen!

A brother once met him in Angoor Ada. The Shaykh had a rather open life style and did not exercise the kind of caution that some Mujahideen are used to. The brother respectfully asked the Shaykh to be careful and to avoid movement in the presence of drones. As is well-known, Angoor Ada has seen many drone attacks and drones hover around in the area most of the time. The Shaykh replied, "I cannot look up in the sky and count the number of drones hovering around. When I look up, I feel ashamed in front of Allah, for death in His hands, and not in the hands of these drones." The brother, stunned by the Shaykh's answer, went silent. There was nothing more that he could say!

May Allah give us all such faith!

---WITHOUT SPIES DRONES ARE ONLY FLYING CAMERAS

"The U.S. had scored an extraordinary intelligence coup in the un-governed regions of Pakistan as the result of blending two intelligence cultures—human sources and technical intelligence such as communications intercepts and satellite and drone imagery. But, he said, the real breakthrough had been with human sources. This is what President Bush wanted to protect at all costs. The drones were basically flying high-resolution video cameras armed with missiles. The only meaningful way to point drones toward a target was to have spies on the ground telling the CIA where to look, hunt and kill. ***Without spies, the video feed from the Predator might as well be a blank television screen.*** *McConnell provided extensive details about these human sources, who had been developed in an expensive, high-risk program over five years. The spies were the real secrets that Obama would carry with him from that moment forward. They were the key, in some respects, to protecting the country......"*



BOB WOODWARD, OBAMA'S WARS, SIMON SCHUSTER, 2010, pg 14

The myopic perception that journalists sitting in the safety of their offices in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi have conveyed to the nation for the last eight years or so is that all the drones do is that they kill 'militants'… the psychological trauma that the people of this region have to endure day and night, the looming threat of imminent death, countless civilian casualties and the destruction of homes, properties, and businesses is something that never figures in this lopsided narrative. Imagine a rather large mosquito equipped with a noise amplifier continuously humming in your ears twenty four hours a day, seven days a week… threatening not to bite, but to kill you. For the civilians living through this ordeal, this is what a drone feels like.

One of the earliest drone strikes to be carried out in the tribal areas was against a Madrassah in Damadola, Bajaur, in October 2006.[14] The strike resulted in the death of almost eighty children. In a futile attempt to cover up the incident the Army sent its helicopters to bomb the place that had already been hit by drones so as to claim responsibility for this massacre and spare their masters the inconvenience of doing so.

Since then, civilians have been repeatedly targeted in drone attacks, besides becoming victims in the 'collateral damage' caused by these attacks. Drone attacks have taken place on civilian cars, weddings, jirgas, bazaars, schools, funerals, and even women and children working in the fields. There is nothing in Waziristan that is not a legitimate target for the Americans and their client Army.

'Collateral Damage'…or First Degree Murder?

Daybreak, June 10, 2006. At a chromite mining site near Dattakhel a group of young workers and woodcutters prepare for a new day. Unknown to them, they are being carefully observed by a group of CIA drone operators sitting thousands of miles away. For reasons that may never be known, the drone operators are given clearance to attack the site. Four missiles from a Predator hit the site, killing 22 labourers and badly injuring four.

Did the Americans confuse drilling machines with mortar guns this time or diggers, spades, shovels, and axes for Kalashnikovs and sniper rifles? No one knows. To add insult to injury, the Pakistan Army claimed responsibility for the incident, saying that it had attacked a militant hideout with four gunship helicopters and artillery.[15]

Wounds that Never Heal…

Another incident reveals the physical and psychological trauma suffered by survivors of drone attacks. On the night of January 23, 2009,



(14) Pakistan Says It Killed 80 Militants in Attack on Islamic School, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 31, 2006), (http://www.nytimes.com/2006/10/31/world/asia/31pakistan.html?_r=1)

(15) Stanford Law Schooland NYU School of Law, Living Under Drones: Death, Injury and Trauma to Civilians from US Drone Practices in Pakistan (September, 2012), pg 42

relatives and neighbor gathered for tea in the *hujra* (guest room) of a local elder, Muhammad Khalil, in Mir Ali, North Waziristan. Those present included Khushdil Khan, the owner of a hardware store in Mir Ali, Mansoor-ul-Rehman, a former driver who worked in UAE, as well as neighbours Ubaidullah, Siffatullah, and Rafiqullah. Two of his nephews, Aziz-ul-Rehman Qureishi and sixteen years old Faheem Qureishi were also present.

At around 5:00 in the evening, they heard the hissing sound of a missile. Everyone present instinctively bent their heads down. The missile slammed in the centre of the guest room, completely destroying the room and badly damaging the rest of the house as well as neighbouring houses. Sixteen years old Faheem Qureishi was the only survivor of the attack. Everyone else was killed, their bodies blown to pieces. According to a cousin of Faheem, "All we could recover was the torso and upwards." Faheem survived with a fractured skull and severe burn wounds to the left side of his body and face. He lost his left eye in the attack and the eardrum of one of his ears was permanently damaged. He says, "I felt my brain stopped working and my heart was on fire; my entire body was burning like crazy."

The psychological trauma of the drone attack left a lasting impact on Khalil. Once a bright student, he has difficulty learning and requires medication to resolve the mental problems he is facing. He says, "At the time the drone struck, I had to take exams, but…I couldn't learn things and it affected me emotionally. I became very short-tempered and small things annoyed me. I got angry very quickly, small things agitated me."

Muhammad Khalil left behind nine children. Mansoor-ul-Rehman left behind two sons and three daughters. Both families lost their only breadwinners. Having spent a huge sum of money on Faheem's treatment, the family cannot afford to repair their house and has difficulty making ends meet. Though the female members of Khalil's family survived, they suffer from severe anxiety and tension and say they have trouble sleeping at night.[16]

As a result of living under drones for almost nine years, many local residents report stress-related symptoms caused by the constant threat of drone attacks. In most parts of Waziristan, drones hover for almost twenty four hours. The non-stop noise of these pilotless death machines is disturbing to say the least. No one knows when, where or who will be the next target? People are afraid to congregate

(16) Ibid, pg 72

IMPRESSIONS OF VICTIMS OF DRONE ATTACKS

Waleed Shiraz, 22, was pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and taking various foreign language courses before he became disabled.

"My father was asleep in the hujra as usual after a normal day, and I was studying nearby. . . . I had liked studying in the hujra, because it is peaceful and quiet. There was nothing different about our routine in the prior week." Waleed recounted the subsequent sequence of events. "[When we got hit], my father's body was scattered in pieces and he died immediately, but I was unconscious for three to four days. . . . [Since then], I am disabled. My legs have become so weak and skinny that I am not able to walk anymore. . . . It has also affected my back. I used to like playing cricket, but I cannot do it anymore because I cannot run."

Nabila Rehman's grandmother was blown up in front of her eyes while working in the fields.

"When I hear that they are going after people who have done wrong to America, then what have I done wrong to them? What did my grandmother do wrong to them?"

Khalid Raheem is an elder member of his community.

"We did not know that America existed. We did not know what its geographical location was, how its government operated, what its government was like, until America invaded Iraq and Afghanistan. We don't know how they treat their citizens. . . [W]e didn't know how they treated a common man. Now we know how they treat a common man, what they're doing to us."

Tahir Afzal's brother died in a drone strike.

"It's not a fictional story. It's brutality that we are undergoing and that needs to be stopped."

Khairullah Jan's brother was killed in a drone attack.

"If, for instance, there is a drone strike and four or five of your villagers die and you feel sad for them and you feel like throwing everything away, because you feel death is near— [death is] so close, so why do you want to study?"

Ismail Hussain's cousin was killed in a drone strike.

"His mother hangs his picture on the wall. She looks at it 24 hours [a day] and cries."

Stanford Law School, Living Under Drones



One man, who has lost relatives in drone strikes, expressed his deep-seated anger toward the US, declaring that "we won't forget our blood, for two hundred, two thousand, five thousand years—we will take our revenge for these drone attacks."



A teenage victim of a drone strike commented: "America is 15,000 kilometers away from us; God knows what they want from us. We are not rich . . . . We don't have as much food as they do. God knows what they want from us."

because drones have attacked mosques, weddings, and even schools. Residents are fearful of sending children to school, not because of the Taliban, but in the fear that their children too might become 'collateral damage'. Doctors say that local residents suffer symptoms of 'anticipatory anxiety', including insomnia, sleep disturbances, irritability and hyper startled reactions to loud noises.[17] A local resident complains, "Drones are always on my mind. It makes it difficult to sleep. They are like a mosquito. Even when you don't see them, you can hear them, you know they are there."[18] Yahya, a survivor of the attack on a jirga in Dattakhel on March 17, 2011, says, "I can't sleep at night because when the drones are there . . . I hear them making that sound, that noise. The drones are all over my brain, I can't sleep. When I hear the drones making that drone sound, I just turn on the light and sit there looking at the light. Whenever the drones are hovering over us, it just makes me so scared."[19]

Haroon Quddoos, a Waziri taxi driver, escaped from a first strike after his car was targeted. As he tried to run away from the scene, a second missile followed, badly injuring him. He explains the psychological condition of the general population, "We are always thinking that it is either going to attack our homes or whatever we do. It's going to strike us; it's going to attack us . . . . No matter what we are doing, that fear is always inculcated in us. Because whether we are driving a car, or we are working on a farm, or we are sitting home playing cards–no matter what we are doing we are always thinking the drone will strike us. So we are scared to do anything, no matter what."[20]

(17) Ibid, pg 81, Interview with Sulayman Afraz (anonymized name and location), in Pakistan (2012). Anticipatory anxiety refers to a "complex combination of a future-oriented cognitive state, negative affect, and automatic arousal," involving a "sense of uncontrollability focused on possible future threat, danger, or other upcoming potentially negative effects."

(18) Ibid, pg 83

(19) Ibid, pg 84

(20) Ibid, pg 82



David Rhodes, a New York Times journalist who was held captive in FATA by the Taliban, described the experience of living under drones as 'hell on earth'. He says, "The drones were terrifying. From the ground, it is impossible to determine who or what they are tracking as they circle overhead. The buzz of a distant propeller is a constant reminder of imminent death."[21]

Double-Tap…Let's Bury the Geneva Conventions for Good!

A more disturbing pattern that has emerged over the years is what is known in military parlance as 'double-tap'. After a first strike, as people gather to evacuate the injured and retrieve bodies of the martyrs, the drone follows up with a second strike, causing huge number of civilian casualties. This pattern has been repeated so many times in the last several years that now, after a drone strike, no one approaches the scene of the attack for a few hours out of fear of a follow-up strike. Only those willing to put their lives at risk volunteer to evacuate the injured and dead. A particularly disturbing incident is reported by a Waziri by the name of Hayatullah Ayub. As Hayatullah was driving between Tal and Miranshah, a car 300 meters in front of him was targeted. The missile narrowly missed the car. However, the blast left the car badly damaged. Hayatullah stopped his car and approached the burning vehicle. As he came close, he saw a moving arm inside the car. The person inside, who was visibly injured, yelled at Hayatullah, telling him to move away from the car as a second missile would likely follow. Hayatullah, unsure what to do, moved slightly away from the car, and within seconds a second missile hit the car, killing the person inside.[22]

There are countless other untold stories, some too harrowing to be narrated, but for the sake of brevity we have only mentioned a few to provide a glimpse into the life of ordinary civilians under drones in FATA. What we will neither forget, nor forgive, is the complicity of the Pakistan Army and its intelligence agencies in this drone war. The enmity of the Americans for both the Mujahideen and the people of the tribal areas is understandable: the support and sacrifices of the tribes has been one of the primary factors in the defeat of America in neighbouring Afghanistan. However, what the Army will never be able to justify to this nation is the extent to which it has gone in providing sustained ground intelligence to the Americans for facilitating drone attacks on Pakistani soil.■

MASSACRE AT DATTAKHEL

On March 17, 2011, some 40 individuals gathered in DattaKhel town center. They included important community figures and local elders, all of whom were there to attend a jirga—the principal social institution for decision-making and dispute resolution in FATA. The jirga on March 17 was convened to settle a dispute over a nearby Chromite mine. All of the relevant stakeholders and local leaders were in attendance, including 35 government-appointed tribal leaders known as maliks, as well as government officials, and a number of khassadars (government employees administered at the local level by maliks who serve as a locally recruited auxiliary police force). Four men from a local Taliban group were also reportedly present, as their involvement was necessary to resolve the dispute effectively. Malik Daud Khan, a respected leader and decorated public servant, chaired the meeting.

The jirga had been convened in Datta Khel's Navi Ada bus depot, an open space in the middle of town large enough to accommodate over 40 people as they sat in two large circles about 12 feet apart.

At approximately 10:45 am, as the two groups were engaged in discussion, a missile fired from a US drone hovering above struck one of the circles of seated men. Ahmed Jan, who was sitting in one of two circles of roughly 20 men each, told our researchers that he remembered hearing the hissing sound the missiles made just seconds before they slammed into the center of his group. The force of the impact threw Jan's body a significant distance, knocking him unconscious, and killing everyone else sitting in his circle. Several additional missiles were fired, at least one of which hit the second circle. In all, the missiles killed a total of at least 42 people. One of the survivors from the other circle, Mohammad Nazir Khan, told us that many of the dead appeared to have been killed by flying pieces of shattered rocks. Another witness, Idris Farid, recalled that "everything was devastated. There were pieces—body pieces—lying around. There was lots of flesh and blood."



(21) Ibid, pg 80
(22) Ibid, pg 75



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LAND OF THE OTHER

Ammar Khan



Spring 2012, a quiet summer afternoon in the village of Doga, near Dattakhel, North Waziristan. The silence is broken by the sounds of army vehicles sweeping in from the main road. In minutes, a cordon is laid to the village. The target is the house of a Waziri from the Maddakhel tribe known for his involvement in the fight against US forces in neighboring Afghanistan. No one knows why the army has decided to pick a fight with him.

Local villagers decide the army has overstepped its limits. Before the soldiers proceed to violate the privacy of their homes, they pick up their weapons, spot the weakest link in the cordon and empty their cartridges on the line of olive green vehicles dotting the perimeters of the village. In the ensuing firefight, the Waziris escape unscathed after giving the soldiers of 9 Div a bloody nose. The officer in charge of the cordon decides to withdraw in the face of mounting casualties. As they make their retreat, the soldiers spot an elderly man stepping out of the local mosque, leaning on his stick. The man, visibly in his eighties, is hard of hearing. As he casually strolls back towards his home, indifferent to the rattle of gunfire and RPGs that just preceded his departure from the mosque, the retreating soldiers pick him up and shove him in the back of their vehicle. On their hasty withdrawal towards Dattakhel Camp, the convoy spots two young boys walking past the main road. Two more soft targets for the company whose martial pride has been rubbed in the dust by the death toll of eight dead and four injured. The two boys, one thirteen and the other fourteen years old, are picked up and shoved in the back of the vehicle. In a few minutes time, soldiers of 9 Div return to their base with a bloodied ego and the human booty of three innocents, none of whom is of fighting age. In the interrogation that follows, the old man confesses to the 'crime' of being the father of the young man who was the target of the army's search operation. The poor soul- unaware of the laws that govern the retributory behavior of this 'foreign force'- has signed in his innocence his own death warrant.

Next morning, along the road from Dattakhel to Doga, locals discover the bodies of three men dumped along the roadside. One is a bearded old man in his late eighties, eyes gouged out; his body stabbed all over with daggers. The other two quartered bodies are of young boys in their early teens. Their mutilated bodies too tell a horrifying tale of the most perverse forms of torture: gouged out eyes, stab wounds all over the body, acid burns. The outrage is too shocking even for the otherwise tough-natured Waziris.

One is left to wonder what leads the army to commit such atrocities with impunity? Disdainful arrogance and the 'bloody civilian complex'[1] inculcated at PMA

1 Mental disorder peculiar to officers of the Pakistan army; variant of superiority complex found in some ordinary humans. Symptoms include hyper-inflated ego, acute feeling of superiority, extreme contempt for everything human/civilian. So far no treatment has been discovered by psychiatrists. However, a posting of brief duration in Mehsud, Orakzai, Khyber or other conflict zones in the tribal areas is known to have relieved some of the more chronic symptoms.

aside, the torture is so plain outrageous that even its mention sends shivers down the spine. The last I read of such punishments was in history books in the context of the inquisition in Spain. Have the Inquisitors returned from their graves to don the uniforms of the supposedly most prestigious institution that this system has to offer? Or is this a sordid interpretation of the clause of collective punishment in the FCR? If so, the Israelis should visit the PMA and receive a lesson or two in the art of collective punishment to deal more effectively with the Palestinians.

The atrocities of the army, from Bangladesh to the Red Mosque, leave one perplexed. How can apparently civilized and well-groomed officers and soldiers stoop to such low levels? But what is most perplexing is that the sheer barbarity that characterizes these atrocities becomes more and more intense as you reach the tribal heartland. Clips of soldiers in Swat brutally beating old men in their 40s, 50s and 60s, officers dragging a bearded old man with a blood-stained face from a rope tied to his neck, and summary executions of teenagers in Malakand that surfaced on the internet in recent years caused some shock and outrage in Pakistan. But what has escaped the myopic eye of the media is far more shocking.

30 truck drivers were lined up in the Mir Ali Bazaar and summarily executed by the army to avenge the death of its soldiers at the Eesha checkpost in December last year. In Malakand, people accused of sympathizing with the Taliban have been dropped alive from helicopters flying several hundred feet in the sky. During the Mehsud operation in 2009, several hundred villages were burnt down by the army as part of its policy of collective punishment. The bazaars of Mehsud from Makin to Sararogha were wiped out by the aerial bombardment of the air force in 2009. Even before the start of operation Rah-e-Azaab, the Mir Ali Bazaar, the second largest commercial hub in North Waziristan, was razed to the ground by artillery shelling. During the present operation, the Deegon bazaar was completely razed to the ground by the Army *after fighting had ended in Deegon and the Mujahideen had withdrawn from the area*. What is most disturbing, however, is that in the *Islamic* Republic mosques and madrassahs have remained the target of choice for the military. Hundreds of mosques and madrassahs have been deliberately targeted by the air force during military operations in Swat, Malakand, Mehsud, Bajaur, Mohmand, Orakzai, and Khyber. The same sacrilege is now being repeated in North Waziristan.

Burnt villages, destroyed mosques and razed bazaars dotting the landscape of the entire tribal belt all pose the same question: Why has this been the share of a people who have done no harm to Pakistan in 65 years of its existence?

Perhaps the answer lies in the mindset inherited generation after generation from the times of the British, the psyche of treating the tribal areas as '*Ilaqa-e-ghair*'; the land of the other. This image of the tribes as the "Other" that is deeply ingrained in our psyche owes itself to a more imperial past. Its roots go back to the days of the British Raj, when soldiers of the so-called "martial races" were recruited in the Royal Indian Army from the plains of Punjab to subdue the free territories of the frontier, which had defied, for a hundred years, every British attempt at subjugation and incorporation in the British administered settled districts. Punjabi soldiers of the Royal Indian Army served in the Frontier Force and Punjab Regiments. From Bajaur in the North to Waziristan in the south, they fought shoulder to shoulder with their British masters against the forces of Mullah Powindah, the Faqir of Ipi, and the warriors of the Mujahideen movement. Most of the battle colours, medals and honours of the units of the Punjab and FF Regiment



1971: Massacre of Bengali Muslims



The Unashamed Conquerors of the Lal Masjid



The Bloody Civilian Complex in Action in Swat



Dragging the Bearded Old Man (above) in the Streets



The Faqeer of Ipi

because our fore fathers submitted- some by force and others by choice- to the will of the British Empire, while they did not. Our ancestors, willingly or unwillingly, accepted life under the shade of the British Raj; whereas they resisted every attempt to bring them under British dominion until the last British soldier left the subcontinent. While a certain wretched class from the Punjab brought lasting shame to its people by fighting in defense of the Union Jack in the very land they called home, the tribes fought in defense of Islam and for the sake of Allah alone. Let us not forget that the self-professed 'Muslim' soldiers of the Royal Indian Army participated in the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire and the British conquest of Palestine in World War I, earned medals on the frontlines from Hong Kong to Normandy in World War II, and in the process 'sacrificed' their lives for the sake of the Queen.

The tribes are the 'other' because pre-independence units of the Pakistan Army fought against their ancestors with the lofty aim of expanding the frontiers of British India and enforcing the 'writ of the state', only to suffer defeat after defeat at the hands of a people who have never known a master. While their military heroes are the likes of Mullah Powindah and the Faqir of Ipi, among the decorated military heroes of "our" army is General Musa Khan, who played a leading role in the British campaigns in Waziristan, and whose name to this date decorates the hills surrounding Boya check post near Miranshah, North Waziristan.

They are the 'other' because, unlike much of Pakistan, they refused to sell their souls and say "America First" after 9/11, and for more than thirteen years they have steadfastly remained a pain in the neck for America, NATO and their local mine-clearing dogs[3]. It is they who refuse to allow NATO containers to pass

3 Pakistan Army, ISI, MI, Air Force etc.

were earned in these battles fought in the name of the Queen[2]. Despite hundreds of punitive campaigns and hard-fought battles in the valleys and mountains of the tribal areas, the British government and the Royal Indian Army failed to break the resolve of the tribes to remain free and independent. Hence they became the "Other".

They remain the 'other' in our collective psyche

2 The queen of England



Mehsud Operation 2009



"Conquering" the Tribal Belt: The Army in Bajaur



Bazaaar Reduced to Ruins by the Army in Mehsud

unscathed from their land, while the best some of us can do is pay lip-service in protest. They are the 'other' because they have hosted the Mujahideen for over a decade, despite all the drone attacks, the military operations and threats from America and NATO, while Pakistan has turned its land and airspace into a free-zone for the crusaders.

But is this the truth that we subconsciously accept? I doubt. What one hears in discussions with friends in Pakistan is a different narrative. Subtle references to the tribes as dens of crime, safe haven for dacoits, murderers, thugs, thieves, car-lifters, and so on…But wait a second. Has anyone ever bothered to compare the statistics of crime… theft, murders, kidnap for ransom and car-lifting… in the settled districts with the rate of crime in the tribal areas? The dens of car-lifting, theft, murder and kidnap for ransom are in our mega-cities: Lahore, Karachi, Peshawer, and Rawalpindi. Contrary to the popular notion, most of the cars lifted from Pakistan do not end up in the tribal areas; rather they are disassembled inside the settled areas, particularly in the areas around Swabi, Nowshera and Kohat, and their spare parts sold in the spare part markets of the big cities.

From my personal experience, and the experience of hundreds of others like me, I can most emphatically claim that the tribal areas in general and Waziristan in particular have the lowest crime rates in Pakistan. Why? Because you don't have the Punjab Police here. There is no crime because there is no police station in the tribal belt. You bring in a police station in a peaceful place, and you'll soon see crime institutionalized. The police thrives where crime thrives. Crime keeps the money flowing to their pockets from all directions. A society with zero crime rates doesn't need police. In other words, police doesn't need a society with zero crime rates. It's a question of their survival.

Another reason why you don't have crime here is that it's an armed society. In fact, before it is armed, it is a "society". It is a world apart from our cities where all social ties have been bisected by the false gods of money and materialism. Our cities are places occupied by zombies who construct their own artificial reality around them to protect themselves from the real world. It's an artificial world where you can't tell a man from a walking ATM. And to make matters worse, arms are the monopoly of two types of criminals: one in uniform that goes around in those Blue Civics (if he is a bigger criminal, then an olive green Hilux) and the other your petty thieves and robbers, who most of the time don't even have bullets in their magazines and will load their guns twice, if not thrice, to scare their innocent (read ignorant) victims!

The people of the tribes, from Bajaur to Wana are among the most admirable people around not just in this country, but the entire world. Honest, straightforward and courageous, they are the most hospitable people I have come across in my life. Unlike our urban culture lacking in courtesy where we almost indirectly ask the guest: did you eat before coming or will you go and eat, they compete with each other and fight over guests. An honourable and proud people, they take Islam seriously and don't hesitate to sacrifice their lives for its sake. There is something intrinsically good about tribal society that everywhere it is the tribes and tribal society that have defended Islam against a global onslaught and have sheltered the Mujahideen. This is a phenomenon that we see repeating itself from Mali,

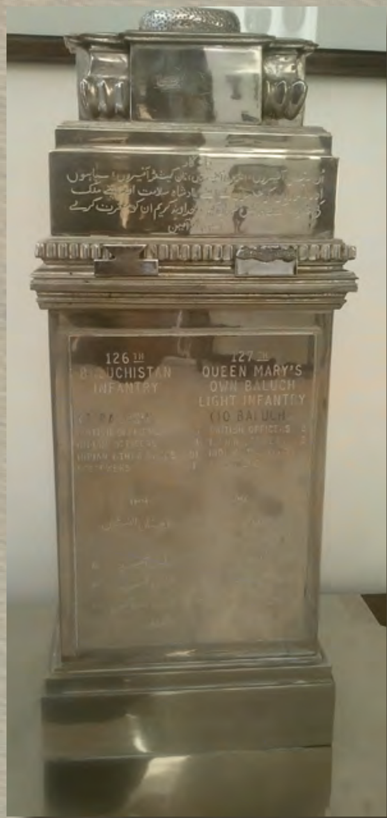


Somalia, Yemen to Afghanistan and the tribal belt of Pakistan. No wonder, the biggest proponent of the Mc culture, America- the very symbol of that artificial life that we see growing like cancer in our cities- sees the threat coming not from Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, Riyadh or Cairo, but Waziristan, Abyan, Mali, and the tribal hinterlands of Somalia. It is the tribal areas in these Muslim countries that are the prime target of the neo-Crusaders' military and cultural onslaught. Even as our societies are plagued by apathy and confusion in this war, our enemy has not failed to recognize the "Other" that threatens it. Our enemy has not failed to make out friend from foe. It knows exactly where the threat to its imperial designs comes from within Muslim societies, and it has chosen as its reliable ally the class of "house negroes" that has without fail served imperial interests generation after generation.

Therefore, until we recognize the real "Other" that sits in our midst; that thrives on our taxes to build its Defense Housing Societies; that knows no enemy except its own people[4]; that has the shameless audacity to prey on the very hands that have patiently sustained it for sixty years; and until we tear the veil of deceit and hypocrisy that masks the face of this enemy within us, we will continue to see our own people massacred and their towns and villages reduced to ruins.

It is time we too muster the courage to make out friend from foe. ▯

4 A time-tested fact only recently acknowledged by the army in its latest official war doctrine.



TROPHY AWARDED TO 7 & 10 BALUCH REGIMENTS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICES FOR THE EMPIRE

The Inscription on the Roll of Shame Reads:

"In memory of those British Officers, NCOs, Soldiers and Followers who Sacrificed their Lives for the King and the Country."



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THE FUTURE OF MUSLIMS IN INDIA

MAULANA AASIM UMAR (MAY ALLAH PROTECT HIM)
AMEER OF JAMA'AH QA'EDA AL-JIHAD IN THE SUBCONTINENT



Once again, at Saharanpur, the Muslims of India met the fate of a slave nation at the mercy of its whimsical master.

Words like justice, peace, brotherhood and human rights are meaningless to the weak of this world. The right to define these fanciful terms, or decide who deserves these rights and who doesn't, is the uncontested right of nations that wield power.

The mindless killings of Muslims in Saharanpur this July or the earlier genocides carried out at Muzafarnagar and Assam for that matter are not random acts of violence in which the Muslims accidentally happen to be







the victims each time. These are deliberate acts of genocide carried out with the blessings of the so-called largest democracy in the world.

Despite the countless massacres of Muslims across India for over sixty five years, those that still insist that Muslims are free in India today, or that they enjoy equal rights, or that their lives and wealth are under no threat, are either naïve fools or are deliberately trying to mislead the world.

Those who insist that the Indian Muslims, despite the countless massacres in more than six decades of Hindu rule, enjoy equal rights or that their lives and properties are protected are deliberately trying to mislead the world as to the desperate plight of that community. No doubt, India has worked hard since its independence to groom officially sponsored leaders in the Muslim community who see it as a matter of duty to parrot such false official claims on the media. To the ordinary Indian Muslim, however, these claims are no truer than those they hear in cheap TV adverts.

Whether it is the Bahawalpur riots in Bihar, the riots of Meeruth and Muradabad in Uttar Pradesh, the merciless slaughter of Muslims following the destruction of the Babri Masjid, the electrocution of Muslims, the genocide in Muzafarnagar, or the latest riots in Saharanpur, each time, the chastity of the daughters of this Ummah is violated in broad daylight. These

MUZAFARNAGAR
MASSACRE

A slave nation has no choice but to live with the 'rights', 'freedom', and 'justice' doled out by its master.

tragedies are reminiscent of how upper caste Hindus, in pre-Islamic India, used to violate the honour of lower caste Dalats right in the middle of fields, markets, and public places. In fact, upper caste Hindus considered this evil practice their sacred right. Even today, Indian historians and the self-proclaimed champions of human rights in India have no qualms about this savagery. The reason is simple: they consider this the religious right of upper caste Hindus; for a slave nation has no choice but to live with the 'rights', 'freedom', and 'justice' doled out by its master.

The same story is being repeated today with Muslims in the modern educated Indian society.

Who, then, should be held responsible for systematic violence aimed at the Muslims of India? Sectarian movements? BJP or the RSS? The provincial government in Uttar Pardesh or the central government?

If you were to follow these events through the eyes of the deceptive Indian media, you will find yourself in an endless maze of confusion and lies. For Muslims outside India lacking access to first hand sources, understanding the plight of the Indian Muslims is next to impossible. For an outside observer, even basic questions remain unanswered: Are the Indian Muslims really free? Do they enjoy the same rights as the Hindus? Are they respected citizens of India? Is their situation any different from that of Dalats, untouchables, and low-caste segments of the society?

The truth is that an outside observer fails to understand the plight of Indian Muslims through the eyes of a media whose deception cannot be unraveled without a prior understanding of the Hindu psyche.

Faced with this situation, will you try to understand the truth through the eyes of so-called Muslim 'leaders'? Sorry to say, this would not only be a waste of time, but would, in all probability, be completely misleading. This is because, unfortunately, not only is the Indian establishment firmly in the hands of the Brahmans, but so are all the other instruments of state power, which are used to convince the Muslims of India and the rest of the world that India is a genuine democracy where all citizens, including Muslims, enjoy complete 'freedom' and 'human rights' and that the anti-Muslim riots and massacres are the mischief of a handful of sectarian elements.

In a vain attempt to inject some substance into this hollow claim, some political parties come to the fore, presenting themselves as the saviors of Muslims. On other occasions, the Indian Supreme Court makes a big deal out of a routine case, and hands out a light sentence to a few criminals to give the false assurance that India is indeed a secular state that respects the rule of law. If all fails, Bollywood comes out with a film to prove that although the real blame lies at the door of the Muslims, the Indian state, out of its 'boundless magnanimity', has provided justice to them and punished the criminals.

You will be surprised to know that there is a class of official Muslim 'leaders' in India who accept the fiction depicted in these movies as the truth and go around the world showering praise on India's peacefulness and justice.

These 'leaders' frequently visit Saudi Arabia and Pakistan to preach the nonsense that not only do the Muslims of India enjoy complete freedom and that the state has given them complete rights, but also that no one can do any injustice to them, and so on.

In this diabolic drama, the worst role has been

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played by those so-called Muslim 'leaders' who do not hesitate to sell the Muslims of India for a single seat of the Lok Sabha (Indian Parliament/ lower house) or the Rajia Sabha (Senate/upper house). In every age, the Indian establishment keeps at the forefront such leaders who try to hide the ugly face of this Hindu state beneath a veneer of secularism and democracy.

The reality is that whatever has taken place with the Muslims of India to date is neither a conspiracy hatched by some sectarian force on its own, nor can it be explained by vote politics to muster support in internal politics. Rather, behind these events is the iron hand of the Indian establishment, which is working methodically to bring the Muslims down from the level of former kings and emperors to the level of Shudars, Dalits and lower castes so that they lose the will and strength to stand up to the Hindus.

Several months have now passed since families of Muslims in Muzafarnagar were forced to take shelter in refugee camps in the aftermath of a systematic genocide in which hundreds of Muslims were massacred, Muslim women were molested, children were burnt alive, and the homes and belongings of the Muslim community were reduced to ashes. Shamili has now turned into a refugee camp for Muslims; the same Shamili where righteous scholars defeated the British in the Jihad of 1857. Forty kilometers from Shamili lies the place known to history as Panipat, the door to Delhi for Muslim conquerors. It is this symbol of Muslim dominance that has been unfortunately forgotten by the Muslims of India (but not by the Hindu). The armies of these conquerors from Afghanistan and Central Asia would come and conquer almost at will, brushing aside great armies of the Hindus.

It is an irony of fate that those who had ruled India for centuries have been forced out of their homes, left with no choice but to live in refugee camps. In an attempt to allay international concern, it was announced recently that the refugees will soon be able



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to return to their homes! Return where? The Hindu state of India has forced them out only to settle Hindus in their place!
The Indian Muslim can no longer buy into this deceit and trickery. For far too many years has he been fooled by the empty slogans of 'Indian democracy', 'secular state', 'the land of Gandhi', 'peace', and so on. Those whose homes have been reduced to ashes by the Hindu's deep-rooted hatred will not be bluffed by these empty slogans. Innocent children were thrown into blazing fires, as if they were the offspring of scorpions, not humans. The heart-tearing screams of the spiritual daughters of Muhammad of Arabia (peace be upon him) can never be forgotten by Muslim youth as long as they live. How can the spiritual sons of Muhammad bin Qasim, Mahmud Ghaznawi, Aurangzeb, and Tipu Sultan Shaheed ever forget this humiliation that has been etched into their memory by the Hindu state? How can any Muslim youth forget the stain cast on their hearts in Muzafarnagar and Saharanpur?
No, the Indian Muslim can no longer be lured by hollow slogans. No party, official Muslim 'leader', Parliament or Supreme Court can alleviate his sufferings. These have been around for more than 65 years, yet the plight of Muslims has only changed for the worse with every passing day. They may differ somewhat in their pretense of messiahship, but in reality they are all one and the same: enemies of Muslims; enemies of our religion; enemies of our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him). It is they who are the real enemies of our lives, wealth, and honour.
It must never be forgotten that oppressing the weak and crushing the downtrodden is in the psyche of the Hindu. By religious conviction, the Hindu is a worshipper of power. He accepts anyone more powerful than himself as his God; but there is no place for principles, ethics, morality, leniency or kindness for the weak in a Hindu society.
My dear Muslims in India! Don't let yourselves be deceived by these contemptible imposters. It is you who ruled India for a thousand years. India was the golden sparrow in your age. It was Muslims who made the glory that was India.
The time has now come for us to decide our own future. To come out of this humiliation, we must reject the failed path that we have tested for so long and adopt a path less trodden.
We must take to the path that guarantees an honourable life and a dignified death. We must actively strive for the day when not one of us will be forced to take sighs of anguish or to beg for his life. We must embrace the life where death itself protects life!
My dear Muslim brothers and sisters in India! No amount of tears shed in front of the enemies of Allah and His Prophet (peace be upon him) will ever reclaim your rights. No one will give you your rights unless you learn how to use force to ensure your honor and your rights. If you want to restore your honour today and return to the days of your historical glory; to the plains of Panipat as conquerors instead of refugees forced out of their homes, then come to the land of the free: Afghanistan. Learn about Jihad, and bring the Muslims of India back to this path of honour and glory.
It is this path of Jihad that made an arrogant superpower bite the dust in the recent past, and today another superpower is on the verge of a similar fate.
The path of the martyrs of Afghanistan is the path of the Islamic Caliphate. It is the path of restoring the dominance of the religion of Allah. It is the path of enabling those who love Allah to become His true Vicegerents on earth. It is the path of enabling the weak to take on the strong. It is the path which can free you from the narrow confines of this world and take you to the vast expanse of the Hereafter.
The experience of decades of subjugation has brought Muslims all over the world to the realization that the only way to restore their honour is to follow the way that led earlier generations of this Ummah to the heights of glory. This is the way of the Quran; the Prophetic methodology that was adopted by the Companions.
We have little doubt that, sooner or later, the Muslims of India too will come to the realization that their future is inextricably linked to the success of the Afghan Jihad. The

Indian establishment, Brahman intellectuals, and political pundits fully appreciate this fact. They know that the victory of the Taliban in Afghanistan poses a significant threat to the future of Hindu political dominance in India. This is why the Indian government wants to keep the Muslims away from this movement. It fears that even if the dust of this movement reaches their Muslim population, dormant formidable forces rooted in the very history of their land will finally be unleashed.

Ahadith as well as recent events also portend a bright future for the Muslims of India; a future linked with the establishment of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan. The time has come for the Muslims of India to play a proactive role in the Jihad in Afghanistan and benefit from the experience of forty years of Jihad so that they may build a better future for coming generations.

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When secularism is shoved down the throats of the fourth largest Muslim population in the world, the time is past for 'peaceful protests' and 'democratic change'. When more than two thousand people are butchered in this country for demanding what a Muslim anywhere else in the Islamic world would simply take for granted, one must go beyond ineffectual lamentation. When our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) - may our souls be sacrificed for him- is insulted by the scum of the earth, verbal condemnations alone do not suffice.

We, the Muslims of Bangladesh, must not shy away from asking ourselves: Will we allow Ataturk's model of secularism to be replicated in this country? Will we allow the dark memories of British colonialism, when one had to pay a tax for just keeping a beard or a Muslim name, to become a living reality in this age? Will we allow a bunch of atheists to set the agenda in this country using platforms like the Shahbagh movement, while ordinary Muslims demanding basic Islamic rights are butchered at Motijheel? Will all of this pass while we alone suffer in silence? Will we allow a misplaced sense of national pride to rob us of our Islamic identity? Will we allow the feeling of 'victimization' that has been carefully instilled in the collective psyche of this nation to be used as a justification for turning a segment of this nation into the very monsters we so loathed? Will we allow the 'spirit of 71' to turn into a fire that consumes the entire nation? Have we forgotten this saying of our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him), "People will not prosper when their affairs are dictated by a woman?"[1] Surely, we will not prosper when an unscrupulous woman like Hasina Wajid takes it upon herself to dictate this nation's destiny!

The issue in Bangladesh today is not concocted 'war crimes' or the role of one political party or the other in taking sides with the oppressor. This is not about doing 'justice' to the victims of 1971. Far from it…even their souls would readily absolve themselves of this show of brutality that has been put up by a band of secular bigots in this country for the last year and a half. The agenda of the ruling clique, corrupt to its core in every sense of the word, is clear for all to see. With wholehearted support from the West and India, the ruling class in Bangladesh has set out to eliminate every trace of Islam from the land of Islam.

The hatred for Islam that had been buried in the deep confines of their hearts has finally emerged in the open. This class, which regrets the fact that it was born in a Muslim society, and probably hates even the colour of its skin, has gone too far in emulating its masters. (Most rulers of the Muslim world know only one master: America/

1 Bukhari 4425

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the West. The rulers of Bangladesh have the distinction of associating a second partner, India, with their western masters.) Gradually, this fiercely independent nation is being sold into Indian slavery. The ruthless manner in which the BDR mutiny was crushed a few years back illustrates how far the ruling clique can go to please India. A few hundred soldiers who had rebelled against a discriminatory system were crushed as if they were a foreign force bent on invading Bangladesh. Even their family members were subjected to wanton abuse by the security forces. In the end, when some people dared to distribute handbills exposing the Indian patronage for this massacre, they were tried for terrorism-related offenses!

Today, Indian influence in Bangladesh is not just political or economic. Even culturally, this Muslim nation is being turned into an Indian outpost. The city of mosques, Dhaka, has been turned into a city of idols. The nauseatingly filthy and vulgar Hindu culture is spreading like cancer, with full support of the Awami League government. Alcoholism and drug-abuse have become widespread. Obscenity has taken on a criminal dimension in Bangladesh today. The Student Wing of the ruling party has made it a practice to abuse young women and use the videos of these crimes to blackmail the victims. In a land where people are denied the right to live, the secular class is advocating the rights of those who deserve to be handed out *Hadd* punishments for corrupting the society. Only recently, the head of the 'Vice Union' was given a seat in a conference, alongside the Head of the Human Rights Commission and the Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University. The purpose of this 'virtuous' meeting was to advocate the legalization of fornication!

If anything, the deep hatred of the ruling class in Bangladesh for Islam can be judged by the fact that even the phrase of 'faith in Allah', which was already inoperative in the legal sense, was removed from the constitution! Why, then, should any Muslim have even a penny's worth of deference for this system based on an openly secular constitution? Why should one even abide by the law which derives its legitimacy from this constitution that does not even tolerate the name of our Lord? Where in Islam can you find the justification of shackling millions of Muslims in a 'democratic process' based on this sacrilege? Why travel down this dark tunnel that is meant to put you in a position where the only thing you are permitted to do is serve the interests of the West? Are the experiences of Algeria, Turkey, and now Egypt not sufficient enough to dissuade us from wasting our energies in this futile path? They say stupidity is not making a different mistake and getting the same results; it is making the same mistake and expecting different results.

We must not chain ourselves to this system that has nothing to offer to our people. We must not allow our spirits to die down because of massacres like Motijheel and Satkhira. Let us prove that death sentences, mock trials, executions of leading Islamic figures, or the latest spate of extra-judicial killings cannot stand in our way. Let us live up to the spirit that motivated the youth of this country to bring an end to the venom that was being spewed against Islam and the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) by an atheist blogger. Alhamdulillah, a vast majority of this nation decided against casting the ballet. Now it's time we go a step beyond this and do something even more meaningful. Where the ballet fails to bring about change, as it almost always does, the bullet delivers. It's time to organize ourselves for a popular and inclusive intifada. Yes, it's time we

■ Shahbagh Square Uprising in Bangladesh





Bangladeshi Muslims look at burnt copies of the Holy Quran at shops near the Baitul Mukarram national mosque



Bangladeshi Muslims protesting against the blasphemous content published by secular bigots



Rapid Action Battallion personnel stand alert during an anti-blasphemy rally in Dhaka

revolt. No matter how harsh it sounds, a rebellion against this oppressive system is what the land of Haji Shariatullah needs these days. And as we do so, let us also revive the spirit of the Faraizi movement and return to our true roots. A revival of Islam in our individual and collective lives should be our answer to those who seek to stamp out Islam from Muslim Bangladesh.

يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِـُٔوا۟ نُورَ ٱللَّهِ بِأَفْوَٰهِهِمْ
وَٱللَّهُ مُتِمُّ نُورِهِۦ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ ٱلْكَـٰفِرُونَ ○

"They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah will perfect his light, although the disbelievers dislike it." (Al-Quran)

It is worth bearing in mind that the above verse was revealed after the battle of Uhud in the third year of Hijrah. Muslims had just suffered defeat at Uhud. Islam- with just a few thousand followers- was confined to Madinah, and the entire Arabia was bent on wiping out this religion. Like a flickering candle set against violent winds, the light of Islam seemed to be in danger of being put out. In this perilous situation, Allah revealed this verse to reassure that the light of Islam will shine forth in all fullness, no matter how much the disbelievers dislike it.

Today, as we witness a new dawn for the Ummah heralded by the blood of thousands of martyrs- from the farthest corners of West Africa to Bangladesh and Burma- let us rise once more with complete faith in Allah's promise that He will perfect his light, no matter how much the disbelievers of the East and the West may dislike it. ■

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"We call for the return of the rightly guided Caliphate established according to the Prophetic methodology; not a 'Caliphate' established on the basis of a deviant methodology or on lies, breaking covenants and violating oaths. We call for a Caliphate based on justice, mutual consultation, harmony and unity; not a 'Caliphate' based on oppression, excommunication of Muslims, killing the upholders of *Tauheed*, and sowing discord in the ranks of the Mujahideen."

Shaykh Abu Dujana al Pasha
(May Allah protect him)





Islamization of a Declining System?

Dr. Javed Akbar Ansari

Today we are passing through an age of systemic transition. At the end of any era, the future in general may appear vague and hazy. Through this haze, however, one thing can be positively asserted: capitalism will no longer hold sway over the world. In the aftermath of the global financial crisis, the capitalist system appears to have reached its terminal stage.

In its essence, the capitalist order is an ensemble of a particular individuality, society, and state in which the 'rationality' of accumulation for the sake of accumulation prevails. An individual who justifies his actions on this basis and seeks to establish man's elusive mastery over the earth is a capitalist. It is not necessary for him to be rich. Usman bin Affan (may Allah be pleased with him) was extremely rich, but he was not a capitalist. Similarly, in the context of the Subcontinent, Seth Wali Bhai Chotani (Head of the Management Committee of the Caliphate Movement 1919-1923) was a very rich person as well, but he was not a capitalist.

In its most basic form, capital is the unjust use of wealth. When the purpose of wealth becomes infinite increase in its quantity, wealth becomes capital. In this sense, capital is the concrete form of avarice and covetousness, and the capitalist a slave of these twin vices (*abd ad dirham wad dinar*). A capitalist believes that the only correct use of wealth is a continuous increase in its quantity. Therefore, every worker, farmer, and destitute who accepts this capitalist rationality is also a capitalist, inspite of his poverty.

The capitalist frame of mind is best shaped in a society which accepts utilitarian principles. Since the blind pursuit of desires is not possible without accumulating capital, therefore, the capitalist society is a social order in which the ultimate end of all individual and collective actions is the accumulation of capital. The capitalist society is subsumed by the market, which dominates every aspect of social life. A family educates its children so that they may maximize the accumulation of capital. Marriage proposals are based on the financial status of the prospective bride and groom. The value of all actions is eventually

determined by the money and capital markets. The capitalist social order, formally known as the 'civil society', represents the complete rejection of the religious society. In a civil society, the value of an activity is not determined by religious texts or rulings, but by its role in the accumulation of capital. The predominant value in a capitalist society is in the form of 'price', which is determined in the market.

The civil society thrives within a capitalist state (such as a liberal democracy), which is based on the commitment to 'freedom' (from God). Liberal ideals like 'freedom' (the 'human' is self-determined and absolutely autonomous; he has the unconditional right to order his preferences as he desires), 'equality' (all humans are equally entitled to engage in this demonic self-worship), and 'tolerance' (everyone should respect the right of another to exercise his 'freedom') are based on modernist epistemology, which rejects two fundamental premises that we believe in as Muslims:

1. Firstly, that man is *abd*, a servant of Allah. Modernism holds that the human is a self-determined and autonomous being who does not need a Creator or a Lord.

2. The purpose of life is unconditional and complete submission to Allah. Modernism holds that the purpose of life is to establish man's mastery/sovereignty over the universe.

While we believe in *La ilaha ilallah* (There is no God but Allah), modernist epistemology raises man to the status of the divine. Since capitalism, as a system, seeks to realize modernism's ideals, therefore, it would not be incorrect to state that the catch-phrase of capitalism is none other than *La ilaha ilal Insaan* (There is no God but the 'human'). Capitalism is thus a revolt against God, the Prophets, and all Abrahamic religions.

Although the origins of the capitalist system's rise to power lie in the 15th and 16th centuries, it was under the shade of western imperialism and state-sponsored terrorism (especially in America where Red Indians were systematically wiped off the map) that capitalism gained global preeminence. By the end of the 19th century, this system had established global dominance at the level of the state. (However, capitalism has never enjoyed global dominance at the level of the individual or the society.) The decline of capitalism started in the twentieth century. In the present era, capitalism is faced with a multitude of crises.

In the context of self-knowledge, the biggest crisis facing capitalism is the crisis of rationalism. The rationalist and modernist philosophies that gained preeminence in the era of capitalist dominance have been logically proven to be fallacies. The intellectual movement responsible for deconstructing the myths of modernism is known as post-modernism. Key proponents of post-modernist thought include Michel Foucault[1] , Derrida[2] , Lyotard[3] , and Rorty[4]. Post-modernist intellectuals have logically proved that key capitalist tenets such as freedom and progress are not only meaningless, but they are also unachievable goals. The truth is that in a capitalist system, the self becomes fragmented. The search for meaning becomes a language game. No individual or collective activity can be explained meaningfully on the basis of faith. The capitalist individuality is thus always subject to

(1) Michel Foucault (d.1984), French philosopher, social theorist, historian and literary critic
(2) Jacques Derrida (d.2004), French philosopher known for his theory of deconstruction
(3) Jean Francois Lyotard (d.1998), French literary theorist, known for his articulation of postmodernism
(4) Richard McKay Rorty (d. 2007), American philosopher

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disintegration.
The second major crisis facing capitalism is that the institutions which sustained the capitalist system have undergone serious decline. The capitalist market has been dominated by monopolies. As a result, competition has been destroyed. The market is no longer a vehicle for efficient and equitable results and there is no objective standard for price-determination. Thus, disequilibrium has become a permanent feature of financial and commodity markets. Today, there is no end in sight to the crisis that began in 2007.

One of the major reasons for the institutional crisis facing capitalism is that movements organized on the basis of class identity have been gradually assimilated by the capitalist system. As we all know, the most visible collectivity that was formed during the heydays of capitalism was the 'class'. Class-based organizations of workers (Trade Unions and Social Democratic Parties), functioning within the capitalism.

The third most important indicator of capitalism's decline is the breakdown of the democratic system. Due to the capitalist clout over the media, the public no longer plays any effective role in the formation of 'public opinion'. Instead, public opinion is crafted by the media. The democratic process has been reduced to a source of entertainment. Representation in the democratic process today belongs almost exclusively to capital. Voters' participation in elections has consistently declined in Europe. Since 1946, no American president has been elected by the majority (vote) of the entire populace. Why should anyone vote when the media announces the (expected) results weeks ahead of the elections? This is why no political philosopher in Europe today is an enthusiastic advocate of democracy.



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framework of the capitalist system, struggled for capitalist notions of justice. They thus served as a self-correcting mechanism within the system. The importance of these social democratic movements for the continued survival of the capitalist system can be discerned from the works of Keynes.

Today, the capitalist state has assimilated these workers' movements in a way that the struggle for 'justice' has become impossible for them. This has happened at a time when large parts of the population in Europe and America (students, the unemployed, pensioners etc.) have not only become detached from politics, but their role in the process of production is minimal. The workers' movements in the West have now been replaced by 'New Social Movements', such as the feminist, environmentalist and gay movements (the biggest backer of the latter being none other than Barack Obama himself!). These movements cannot play any part in fundamentally reordering

Habermas[5] , the foremost champion of modernist/capitalist epistemology, laments that communicative action has been distorted to the extent that democracy based on dialogue is literally nonexistent today. Similarly, Alian Badiou says that democracy is the chain used to tie the horse of the public in capitalism's stable.

Fourthly, leading capitalist states are facing military defeat one after another. America was forced to flee from Iraq after an embarrassing failure. A humiliating withdrawal is also underway in Afghanistan, while Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Cuba have successfully checkmated American imperialism in Latin America.

While there is little reason to doubt the continuing decline of the capitalist system, the outline of an alternative isn't clear either. We are living in an age that resembles the third and fourth century (A.D) when Roman individuality, society, and state were

(5) Jurgen Habermas, German sociologist and philosopher



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in a process of dissolution. The Roman system went through one crisis after another at its terminal stage. However, an alternative system was yet to emerge.

In the same vein, the new political sociology of our age views the present era as a transitional phase. Baudrillard[6] admits that the capitalist minority is losing its grip on state and society. Instead, non-capitalist conceptions of individuality, society, and state are taking root. The sphere of capitalist rationality is narrowing down. On the ruins of a capitalist society and state, we may see the emergence of non-capitalist models of state and society. In this context, Deluze claims that the capitalist system is in fact imploding. It remains to be seen whether this is actually an implosion or simply a complexification of the existing situation?

Islamic Modernism and Revisionism:

The capitalist system was enforced across the Muslim world by the ruthless use of force by imperial powers. Generally, our initial reaction was military resistance. In the Subcontinent, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind was established in 1920 after military resistance had waned down. Since then, the majority of the scholars of the Subcontinent have adopted a rather conciliatory attitude towards the capitalist system. This attitude found two expressions: disassociation from the political sphere and active participation in the system with a view to creating political space for Islam within the capitalist framework.

Generally, scholars adopted the former method, focusing their efforts on the promotion of Islamic individuality and Islamic norms in the society. They made efforts for the protection of Islam's rich intellectual tradition. In this context, their most significant contribution was the establishment of a network of Madrassas[7] all across the Subcontinent. The contribution of the scholars of Deoband is noteworthy in this regard.

The other approach (participation in the system) was represented by the Khilafah Movement and the constitutional struggle of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind. This strategy was aimed at creating a space for the protection of Islamic values, individuality, and society within the parameters of the capitalist framework. This approach may be termed as Islamic revisionism. Islamic revisionism does not view capitalism as an integral whole or a system. Instead, it evaluates separate capitalist activities on the scale of authentic texts and tries to find a way to modify and change these activities in ways that would bring them in conformity with the teachings of the Shariah.

It should be clear that there is a basic difference between Islamic revisionism and Islamic modernism. An Islamic modernist evaluates the teachings of the Shariah on the scale of capitalist rationality and amends these teachings to bring them in line with the modernist-capitalist framework. This is the exact opposite of Islamic revisionism. However, there is one similarity between the two: neither consider a clash with capitalism as necessary. The idea that reconciliation with capitalism is not only possible, but perhaps inevitable, is shared by both.

This attitude of avoiding a clash first found expression in the political sphere. Islamic revisionist parties exerted their efforts to Islamize democracy and constitutionalism. After 1970, the Islamization of the capitalist economy started with the patronage of the Saudi government. As a result of government sponsorship of this campaign, Islamic banks and Islamic capitalist institutions were established all across the world.

In practice, Islamic revisionism and Islamic modernism do not result in the establishment of an Islamic society, let alone an Islamic system. Rather, the fruit of these movements is the subordinate subsumption (assimilation) of Islamic individuality and society within the capitalist

(6) Jean Baudrillard (d. 2007), French philosopher and political commentator known for his work on postmodernism
(7) Institution of Islamic Learning



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system. It is impossible to return to the golden era of the *Khairul Quroon* (the era of the Prophet peace be upon him, his companions, and the generation that followed them) by promoting Islamic banking or Islamic democracy. In the centuries from the time of the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) till the rule of the Ottoman Caliph Abdul Hameed II, there was no concept of an 'Islamic bank' or an 'Islamic legislature' in the Muslim society[8]. The truth is that Islamic revisionism avoids adopting Jihad as a method for the revival of the Ummah and considers the defeat at the hands of capitalist imperialism in the 19th century as a permanent reality. The logical conclusion that follows is that there is no point in 'wasting' our energy to bring down the capitalist system; participation in the capitalist system instead offers brighter prospects. What is never realized, however, is the damage done to the identity of the Ummah by adopting such a stance towards capitalism.

Our tragedy is that the leadership within Muslim society is not fully aware of the systemic decline of capitalism. They still live in the 19th century when the capitalist system was at the height of its power and effective resistance seemed difficult, if not impossible. (Even in those testing times, however, the Mujahideen did not abandon Jihad.) Today, when the capitalist system is collapsing and the West has suffered military defeats in Iraq and Afghanistan at the hands of the Mujahideen, a conciliatory strategy is imprudent to say the least. Never in history has any political system been overthrown except by an armed revolution. No system can be overthrown by simply giving *dawah* (propagation), doing academic research or making a few strides in the realm of the spiritual. Had it not been for the successive defeats suffered by the Roman Empire at the hands of the Germanic tribes and the space this created for the establishment of a new system, the Christian way of life would have never been able to dominate Europe. Oswald Spengler has explained this in detail in his writings. It took a hundred and fifty years after the end of Roman rule for the majority of Europeans to fully embrace Christianity.

Thus, we need to understand that unless we defeat the capitalist system militarily in different parts of the world and dislodge this system from the Muslim world by way of territorial conquests, we will never be able to go beyond Islamization. As we indulge in Islamization or any other half-way measures, all our academic, spiritual and propagational work will be subsumed within the capitalist system and the struggle for Islam's ascendancy will become an implausible ideal.

No political system can establish its dominance simply by spiritual development or academic progress. Creating the space for the establishment of a new system requires an armed struggle. It was only after the conquest of Makkah by way of Jihad that people flocked into Islam. This is also the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his Companions (may Allah be pleased with them). All Islamic states, from the time of the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) to the days of Sultan Abdul Hameed II, engaged in Jihad. These military victories created the opportunities to organize Fiqh, Kalam, Usool, and Tazkiyyah. The Prophet (peace be upon him) started Jihad in the first year after Hijrah, while Islamic sciences were organized in a written form much later.

(8) For a detailed critique of Islamic banking and 'Islamization' of western norms from an Islamic perspective, read the book *"Islami Benkari aur Jamhooriat, Aik Tanqeedi Muta'lia"* (Islamic Banking and Democracy: A Critical Analysis) by Zahid Siddique Mughal (Foreword by Dr. Javed Akbar Ansari). Also see: *"Sarmayadarana Nizam, Aik Tanqeedi Jaiza"*, (The Capitalist System: A Critical Analysis) by Dr. Javed Akbar Ansari.

Sayyidna Abu Bakar (may Allah be pleased with him) also accepted the primacy of Jihad. After becoming the Caliph, he did not hesitate for a second to fulfill the command of the Prophet (peace be upon him) by sending the army of Osama (may Allah be pleased with him) to Jihad. He was also successful in defending the nascent Islamic state by suppressing the revolt of the apostates. The Jihad, thus, continued throughout his blessed rule.

To conclude, the capitalist system is in its terminal stages. It has undergone significant disintegration already. In these circumstances, one must pause and ask the question: Does the Muslim Ummah really need the Islamization of capitalist norms and institutions?

It is time for the Islamic forces in the Ummah, especially in Pakistan, to avail the opportunities presented by the military successes of the Mujahideen and adopt a practical strategy for the protection and ascendancy of Islam. They must coordinate their efforts for the reform of the society and their academic work with the Jihad so as to achieve a unity of efforts that may bring about a better tomorrow for the Ummah, *Inshallah.*

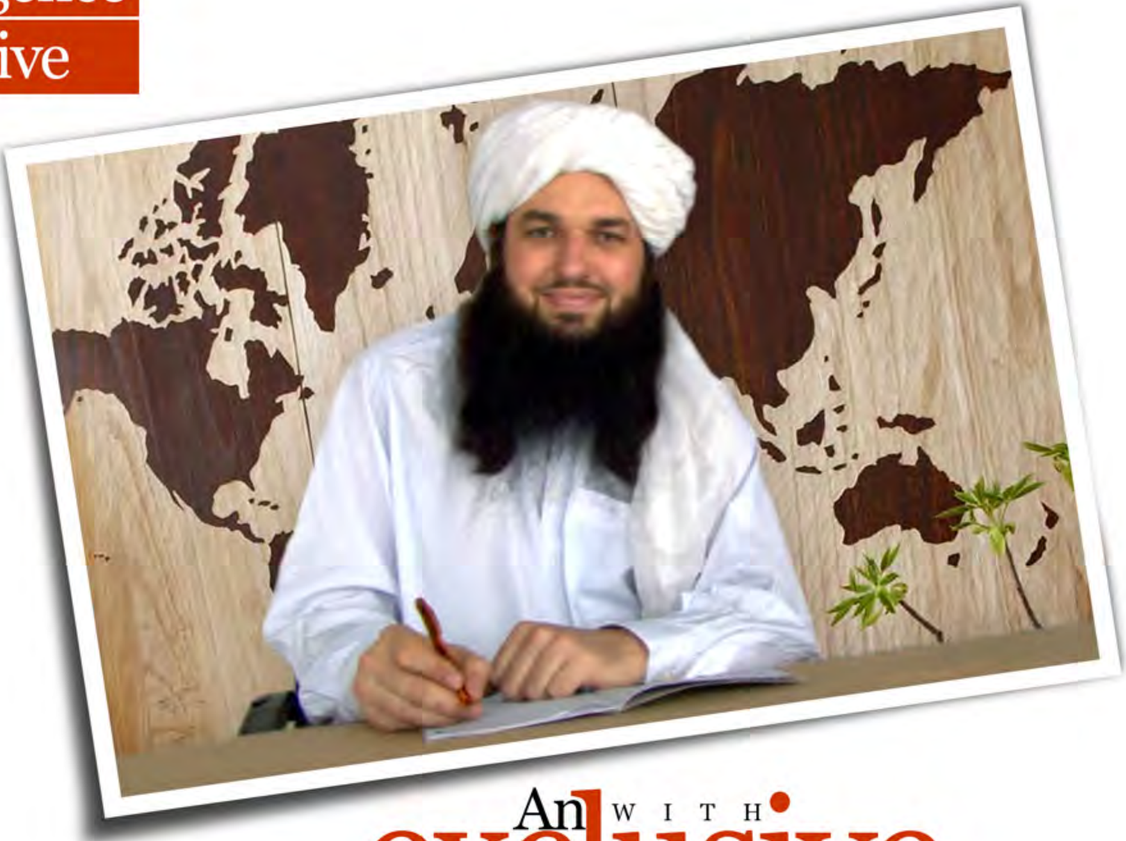
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THE OVERLOOKED REALITY

Ustadh Ahmad Farooq

We are supposedly living in the 'information age', where nothing escapes the microscopic eye of the media. Trivial news that hardly matters to anyone in the world often makes it way to the headlines in newspapers and television channels. Each and every incident, no matter how insignificant, gets its share of discussion, debate and analysis. Yet, amidst this flood of information… the most obvious 'reality' –I repeat: 'reality' and not mere information- remains hidden from the eyes of the vast majority!

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The world has just witnessed one of the most astonishing events of all times; one with possibly far-reaching implications for the future of mankind. The dilemma is that very few people actually seem to realize its significance. In retrospect, history may look at it differently; but for now this momentous occurrence has passed largely unnoticed.

The West has for long considered itself the pinnacle of human advancement. The Western world believes that it has reached the zenith of enlightenment and knowledge. In fact, some western intellectuals have gone to the extent of claiming that the Western civilization represents the 'end of history'! This claim, needless to say, is obviously implausible; however, it is true that the Western world is unique in certain ways. For example, nowhere in history can one find anything comparable to the discovery of America, an entire continent with seemingly limitless untapped natural wealth. The discovery and subsequent colonization of America had an almost disproportionate influence on the course of not just Western history, but also the history of the rest of the world. The Western world- specifically America during the last century- has enjoyed global dominance on a scale perhaps unparalleled since the Roman Empire at the height of its power. In fact, most historians agree that during the last century, America surpassed all previous imperial powers in the extent of its global domination.

By the grace of Allah alone, this civilization, despite everything we have just mentioned above, has faced a historic defeat that may signal its ultimate demise!

Yes, this happened by the grace of Allah alone… because the army facing the Western world had practically nothing to stand a chance in this visibly uneven contest! To begin with, even the rudimentary conditions necessary for waging a successful guerrilla war were unavailable. Initially, there were no safe havens. No neighbouring country was willing to shelter this force. No political space was available to propagate the movement's message. There was absolutely no comparison between the military strength of both sides. This army, in material terms, had literally nothing to begin with.

Yet, after 13 years of war, this poorly equipped force has managed to defeat a materially superior foe on all fronts. So should any news be more widely aired than this? Does any other issue deserve to be more thoroughly debated than this? Shouldn't all western think-tanks and intellectuals focus their energies on finding the secret beyond this humiliating defeat suffered by one of the most powerful imperial powers the world has ever known? If unmatched military prowess, unsurpassed economic progress and unparalleled scientific advancement could not save America from defeat at the hands of a few thousand Mujahideen, shouldn't this be a cause of concern for those who believe in secular materialistic ideals?



The defeat of America and NATO in Afghanistan is a moment of truth for those who claim that 'man is the master of this universe and the creator of his own destiny'. It invites some serious reflection from secular intellectuals who reject the unseen and insist –in the words of Darwin– that 'interpreting life in the context of God's control over the universe is no different from inserting a foreign body into a purely mechanical process'![1] It would be interesting to find out how the proponents of secularism and rationalism will explain this truly historic event in a purely material paradigm…if it can be so explained! Or is there more to the universe than what the 'enlightened' advocates of secular/rationalist ideals have understood so far?

The truth is that there is surely more to it than their myopic eyes can perceive…and this is exactly what the western media and western governments are trying to hide. They know that they have been defeated not only in military terms, but even in the realm of ideas and values! They can afford to retreat militarily from Iraq and Afghanistan, but it is at the level of beliefs and ideals that they are unwilling to accept their defeat at any cost! They don't want to accept that the American dream lies shattered! The ideals worshipped by the West have been proven false! The philosophical speculation of western thinkers like Bentham, Hobbes, Rousseau, Voltaire, Hegel, Kant, Adam Smith and Clausewitz was just that: vain speculation!

No doubt that 'man' is the most elevated of all creatures, but when the West revolted against the oppression of the Church and the fallacies in Christian teachings, it chose to ignore some profound truths about man's nature. Unfortunately, the revolt against the Church turned –consciously or otherwise– into a revolt against all divine guidance. In short, it severed the relationship of the western man with his Creator!

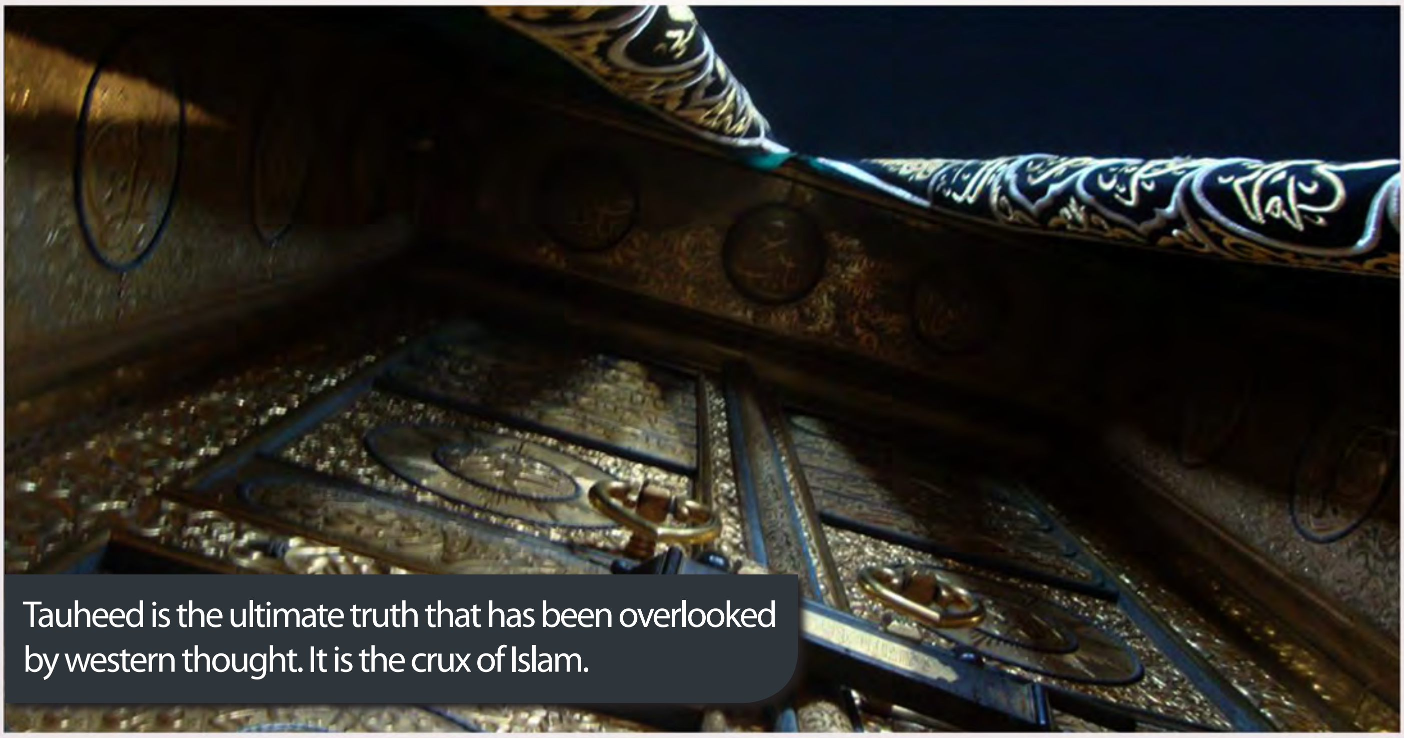
The Western civilization overlooked the fact that man is not the result of any spontaneous automated process of evolution triggered accidentally; rather he is a humble and weak creation of his Almighty Lord, and lives within a world designed and controlled by Him. It is the Creator alone Who is Supreme and Sovereign; Who has created man and sent a long chain of Prophets to guide him –the last of whom was the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). It is He Who elevates whom He wishes and lowers whom He wills. It is He alone who is free of all flaws and cannot be weakened, outwitted or defeated.

The most obvious truth being concealed today is that it is He –Allah the Almighty–Who has defeated the most powerful nation to have existed in history, just as He defeated deviant nations in previous ages. And it is He alone to whom all of us should submit, instead of submitting to the oppression of the United States or any other false god for that matter!

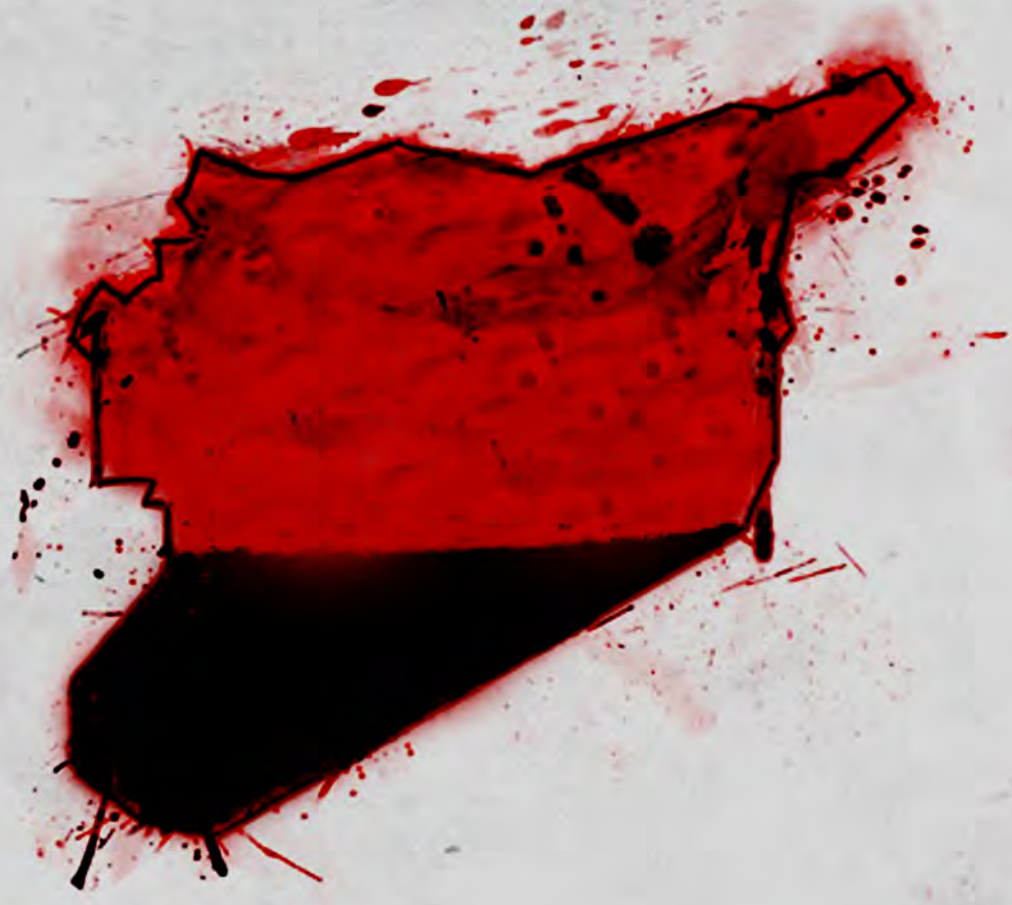
This reality is called 'Tauheed'[2], the Oneness of Allah. This is the ultimate truth that has been overlooked by western thought. It is the crux of Islam, the message of this blessed Jihadi movement, and the call of this magazine!

1 Quotation of Darwin taken from the book of Shaykh Ayman al Zawahiri (may Allah protect him) "Fursaan Tahta Rayatul Nabi" (Knights under the Banner of the Prophet, peace be upon him), Chapter 4, Page: 337, "Asnaam al Taghout al Arba'a" (The four idols worshipped by Western thought).

2 Belief in the Oneness of Allah



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O' My Mujahid Brother!

"The order of your ameer does not absolve you of responsibility. No Zawahiri, Jawlani, Hamawi or Baghdadi will be able to absolve you of your responsibility if you ever aggress upon your Mujahid brothers. On the Day of Judgment, each one of them will be in need of someone to save them from accountability.... Know that you will die alone, be buried alone, resurrected alone, stand in front of your Lord alone, and be answerable for your actions alone. Your Ameer will not be with you in any of these instances. So prepare your answer for that critical day.
Let me tell you this: If I were to ever tell you to aggress upon your Mujahid brothers, disobey me; for I will be of no avail to you on the **Day of Judgment**."

Shaykh Ayman Al-Zawahiri
(may Allah protect him)

On Targeting the Achilles Heel of Western Economies

Hamza Khalid



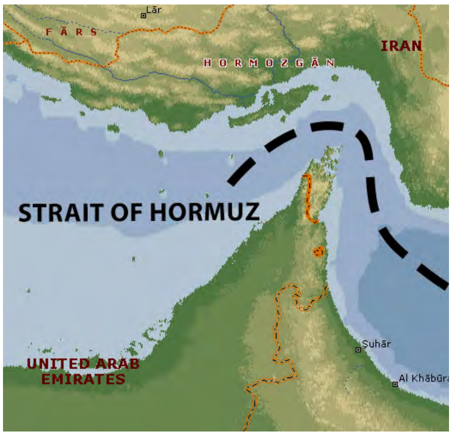
From the coasts of Senegal, Mauritania and Morocco facing the Atlantic to Indonesia at the junction of the Indian and the Pacific Oceans, the Muslim world sits astride some of the most strategic sea passages of the world. Five of the world's most strategic naval chokepoints[1] are located within the Muslim world, while the sixth, the Strait of Gibraltar, which connects the Mediterranean with the Atlantic, lies between Muslim Morocco and Spain.

Throughout history, the sea has been a relatively anarchic domain (compared to land); even today, it is barely policed. Approximately 80% of the world's traded cargo is transported by sea[2]; while 60% of the world's oil is transported by a few thousand slow-moving tankers[3] that are cumbersome to navigate and difficult to protect. Transporting oil from refineries to the service station depends on a complex system involving oil terminals, pipelines, oil tankers and trucks. The energy umbilical cord which sustains western economies stretches across hundreds of miles of pipelines and sea lanes. It represents the Achilles heel not just of the energy market, but also of western economies dependant on oil from the Muslim world. A sustained disruption in this supply system would not only increase insurance costs for international shipping, but also affect the price of oil globally, making the theft of our petroleum resources an expensive venture for the West.

1 In military strategy, a chokepoint is a narrow geographical feature, either on land (such as a valley, defile or a bridge) or at sea (such as a strait) through which an armed force is forced to pass with a narrow front, thereby greatly reducing its combat power and allowing a numerically inferior defender to successfully defend its position, or even annihilate an attacker unable to bring his superior numbers to bear.

2 Anne Korin, Gal Luft, Terrorism Goes to Sea, Foreign Affairs, Nov/Dec 2004 (www.cfr.org/world/terrorism-goes-to-sea/p7545)

3 World Oil Transit Chokepoints, US Energy Information Administration (www.eia.gov/countries/analysisbriefs/World-Oil-Transit-Chokepoints/wotc.pdf)



FROM HORMUZ TO THE SUEZ: VULNERABLE SEA LANES

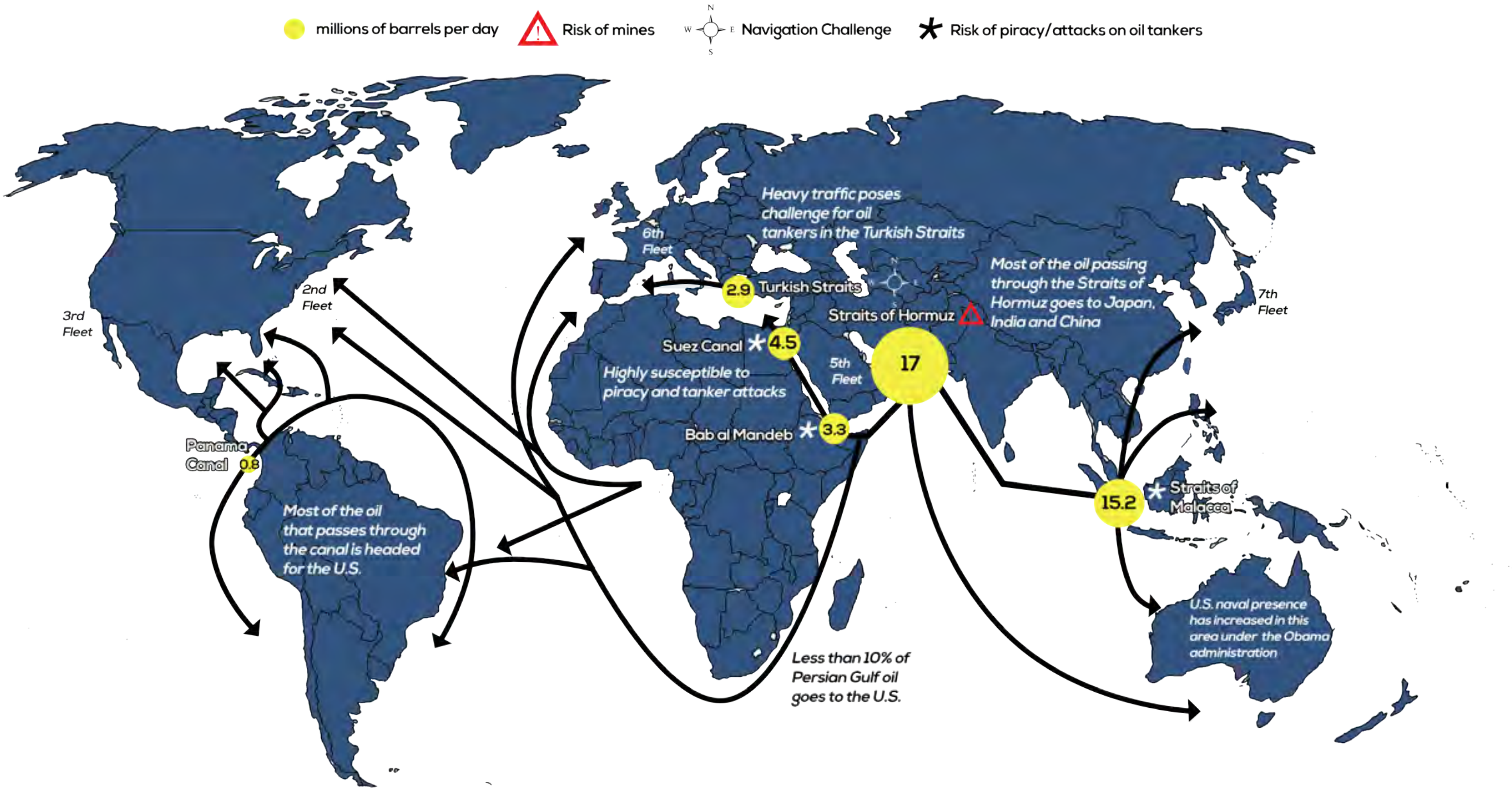
Geography forces oil shipments to pass through a number of strategic chokepoints. The Strait of Hormuz, which lies between Oman and Iran, and connects the Persian Gulf with the Sea of Oman and the Arabian Sea, has immense strategic importance in this regard. At its narrowest point, the Strait is 21 miles wide; the available channel for shipping in either direction being only 2 miles wide. According to available statistics, around 17 million barrels of oil passed through this Strait daily

"it is narrated on account of Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "I was presented with some of my nation who were going out to fight in the cause of Allah riding the sea like kings on thrones."

In 2002, the Mujahideen attacked a French oil tanker, the Limburg, off the coast of Yemen in the Bab el Mandeb. The attack caused a short-term collapse of international shipping in the strait.



GLOBAL CHOKEPOINTS AND OIL ROUTES



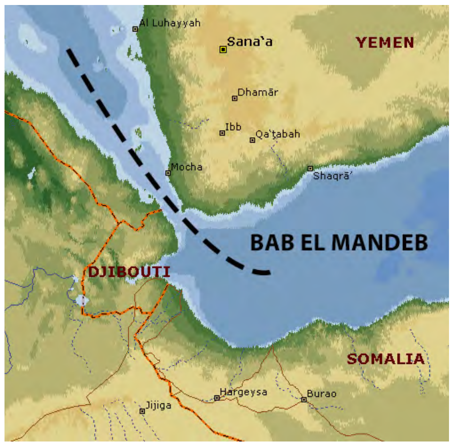
in 2011, accounting for 20% of oil traded worldwide and 35% of all seaborne traded oil. 85% of these oil shipments were destined for Asian economies, with Japan, India and China being the major destinations.[4] It is interesting to note that between 1984 and 1987, due to frequent attacks in the Straits, oil shipments dropped by 25 percent, forcing the United States to intervene militarily.[5]

Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and the UAE have oil pipelines that can circumvent the Strait of Hormuz. However, the total capacity of these pipelines is far below the daily flow of oil through the Straits. One such alternative is the Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline. In 2011, Iraq was able to transport 0.4 million barrels of oil to the Turkish port of Ceyhan through this pipeline.[6] The Kirkuk-Ceyhan Pipeline coupled with the Strategic Pipeline, which runs from the southern oil wells to storage depots in the north, have been subjected to frequent attacks, rendering them an ineffective alternative.[7]

Another potential alternative to the Hormuz is the 745 mile long (and vulnerable) pipeline known as the East-West Pipeline, which runs from the Abqaiq in eastern Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea Port of Yanbu in the west of the peninsula. However, only 2.8 million barrels per day can circumvent the Strait of Hormuz if this pipeline is used as an alternative.[8]

The third alternative is the pipeline from Habshan to the Fujairah Port Terminal in UAE. Its net capacity is 1.5 million barrels per day[9]. (Fujairah port is also used by the US Navy; therefore it is doubly important for the Mujahideen). However, the capacity of all these alternative pipelines does not even come near the volume of oil traded through the Strait of Hormuz.

The next chokepoint for west-bound shipping is the Bab el Mandeb. Located between the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea and Somalia) and the Middle East (Yemen), the Bab el Mandeb connects the Red Sea with the



4 *Ibid.* p. 2
5 Anne Korin, Gal Luft, Terrorism Goes to Sea, Foreign Affairs, Nov/Dec 2004 (www.cfr.org/world/terrorism-goes-to-sea/p7545)
6 World Oil Transit Chokepoints, US Energy Information Administration (www.eia.gov/countries/analysisbriefs/World-Oil-Transit-Chokepoints/wotc.pdf)
7 In the light of the recent military successes of the Mujahideen in Iraq, we hope that oil supplies to western countries from northern Iraq would seriously decline.
8 *Ibid.* (Oil from Abqaiq is also transported to the Ras Tanura Terminal on the East Coast. An attempted attack on the oil pipeline feeding the Ras Tanura Terminal was foiled in 2001.)
9 *Ibid.*

VOLUME OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED THROUGH world CHOKE POINTS YEARS 2009-2011

Location	2009	2010	2011
Strait of Hormuz	15.7	15.9	17.0
Bab al Mandeb	2.9	2.7	3.4
Suez Canal and Sumed Pipeline	3.0	3.1	3.8
Straits of Malacca	---	---	15.2
Turkish Straits	2.8	2.9	N/A

* Estimates are in million barrels per day. N/A is not available. (Source: US Department of Energy)

Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean. It represents a strategic link between the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean. In 2011, 3.8 million barrels of oil passed through the Bab el Mandeb daily, out of which at least 2.0 million barrels/day were north-bound for Europe and the United States.[10]

A closure of the Suez and SUMED pipeline would add 2700 miles of transit from Saudi Arabia to the United States, increasing the shipping time by 15 days for Europe and 10 days for the United States.

The Bab el Mandeb is 18 miles wide at its narrowest point, with the available sea lane only 2 miles wide.[11] Closure of the Bab el Mandeb would prevent oil shipments from the Persian Gulf from reaching the Mediterranean via the Suez Canal and the SUMED (Suez-Mediterranean) Pipeline. Disruptions could force shipping to adopt the much longer route along the Cape of Good Hope (round the southern tip of Africa), adding to shipping costs and transportation time.

In 2002, the Mujahideen attacked a French oil tanker, the Limburg, off the coast of Yemen in the Bab el Mandeb Strait. The attack caused a short-term collapse of international shipping in the Strait.[12] The insurance premium for a single supertanker carrying two million barrels of oil tripled from 150,000$ per trip to 450,000$ per trip, adding 15 cents a barrel to the delivered cost of oil.[13] (This insurance premium was for the ships only; the cargo was insured separately). The attack killed one Bulgarian crew member, while the damage to the tanker was estimated at 45 million US $.[14]

At the northern terminus of the Red Sea is the Suez Canal. Completed in 1869, the 193 km long and 205 meters wide canal allows transportation by sea between Europe and Asia, without navigating around Africa. In 2012, an average of 2.97 million barrels of oil were transported daily using the canal, out of which 1.6 million barrels/day were north-bound for Europe and the United States. Some supertankers, however, are too large to travel through the Canal. In such cases, the alternative channel for transporting oil from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean is the SUMED (Suez-Mediterranean) pipeline, which bypasses the Canal. The SUMED pipeline begins at the Ain Sukhna Terminal on the Red Sea and connects with Sidi Kerir Terminal on the Mediterranean. It has a



capacity of 2.3 million bbl/d. A closure of the Suez and SUMED pipeline would add 2700 miles of transit from Saudi Arabia to the United States, increasing the shipping time by 15 days for Europe and 10 days for the United States.[15]

OIL SUPPLIES FOR EUROPE THROUGH THE BOTTLENECK AT BOSPORUS

There are two important chokepoints in the Mediterranean: the Turkish

10 *Ibid.*
11 Encyclopedia Britannica (see Bab-el-Man-deb)
12 Preliminary Investigation Indicates Oil Tanker was Attacked (www.nytimes.com/2002/10/11/international/middleeast/11YEME.html)
13 Threats to Oil Transport (www.iags.org/oiltransport.html)
14 See Wikipedia: Maritime Jewel
15 www.eia.gov/countries/analysisbriefs/World-Oil-Transit-Chokepoints/wotc.pdf



Straits and the Strait of Gibraltar. The Turkish Straits consist of the Dardanelles and the Bosporus, which divide Europe from Asia. The Dardanelles is a 40 mile long channel that links the Sea of Marmara with the Aegean and the Mediterranean Seas; while the Bosporus is a 17 mile long waterway that connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara and eventually the Mediterranean. The Bosporus is only half a mile wide at its narrowest point.[16] It is considered to be one of the most difficult sea channels to navigate.

Annually, some 50,000 vessels, including 5500 oil tankers pass through the Turkish Straits. Oil from the Black Sea and Caspian Sea regions is transported from ports on the Black Sea through the Turkish Straits to Southern and Western Europe. In 2010, 2.9 million barrels/day were supplied to Europe from Russia and the former Soviet Republics.[17] Due to heavy traffic, bottlenecks are not so uncommon in the Turkish straits. It is worth noting that presently there are few viable alternatives for Russian oil shipments to Southern and Western Europe. Any attack on West-bound Russian oil shipments would therefore have serious repercussions for both Russian as well as European economies.

16 Encyclopedia Britannica (See Turkish Straits)
17 www.eia.gov/countries/analysisbriefs/World-Oil-Transit-Chokepoints/wotc.pdf

The other strategic chokepoint in the Mediterranean region is the Strait of Gibraltar. The Strait forms the opening of the Mediterranean into the Atlantic. At its narrowest point, the Strait is 7.7 nautical miles (14.3 km wide).[18] On the Spanish side of the Strait, Britain maintains a permanent military presence in the form of the British Enclave at Gibraltar. Oil tankers from the Red Sea or the Suez Canal that are destined for Western Europe or the United States pass through the Straits.[19]

LIFELINE FOR EAST ASIAN ECONOMIES: THE MALACCA STRAITS

In terms of the sheer volume of trade however, the Strait of Malacca stands out as one of the most significant sea lanes in the world. Situated between the Malay Peninsula and Indonesia, the Strait is the shortest route



18 Encyclopedia Britannica (Strait of Gibraltar)
19 It is worth noting that in June 2002, a group of Mujahideen were arrested in Morocco for plotting attacks on western shipping in the Straits of Gibraltar.



between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. It links the economies of the Persian Gulf region and India with China, Japan, Indonesia and the Pacific Rim. Every year, some 50,000 vessels carrying one quarter of the world's traded goods pass through this 805 km long waterway. More than 15 million barrels of oil/day passed through the Strait during 2011.

The Strait is difficult to navigate; the narrowest point, Phillips Channel, is only 2.8 km wide.[20] It is an outlet of several small rivers and contains hundreds of islets, making it an ideal place for pirates to hide and avoid capture. According to the International Maritime Bureau, the Malacca Strait is the world's most pirate-struck region.[21] For insurance purposes, it is considered a high-risk area.

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20 *Ibid.*
21 International Herald Tribune www.iht.com/bin/printfriendly.php?id=7907480



USAF BASES IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

1. *Afghanistan (Bagram, Herat, Jalalabad, Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif, Kandahar, Shindand)*
2. *Bahrain International Airport (US Navy, Aviation Support Unit)*
3. *Shaykh Isa Air Base, Bahrain (379th Air Expeditionary Wing)*
4. *Ahmad al Jabir Air Base, Kuwait*
5. *Ali al Salem Air Base, Kuwait (386th Air Expeditionary Wing)*
6. *Masirah Air Base (on the island of Masirah off the east coast of Oman)*
7. *Thumrait Air Base, Oman (War Reserve Material Storage, Contractor: Dyncorp)*
8. *Manas International Airport, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (376th Air Expeditionary Wing)*
9. *Al Udeid Air Base, Doha, Qatar (Forward Headquarter of US CENTCOM)*
10. *Eskan, near Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (64th Air Expeditionary Group)*
11. *Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey (39th Air Base Wing, USAF, 5000 airmen)*
12. *Al Dhafra Air Base, Abu Dhabi, UAE (380th Air Expeditionary Wing)*

US NAVAL INSTALLATIONS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

13. *Camp Justice/Thunder Cove/Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia*
14. *Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti (United States Naval Expeditionary Base, Horn of Africa of the USAFCOM)*
15. *Naval Support Activity, Juffair, Bahrain (Home to US Naval Forces Central Command and US Fifth Fleet)*
16. *Camp Patriot/Kuwait Naval Base (Eastern coast of Kuwait)*
17. *Fujairah Naval Base, UAE*
18. *Port Jebel Ali, Dubai (Largest man-made harbor in the world)*

THE STRANGLEHOLD

After this brief overview of the world's most critical sea lanes, one cannot fail to appreciate the strategic opportunity that geography presents for the Mujahideen. Even if we were to underestimate its importance, our enemies understand just how vital it is for them to control all of these sea passages and ensure the unhindered theft of our resources. A cursory look at the placement of American military bases in the Muslim world and US naval fleets in our seas reveals the stranglehold that the US has developed on the Muslim world.

From West Africa to East Asia, the US has established a network of bases that spans the Muslim world. The US military employs the concept of Unified Combatant Commands. Under each Command, forces from different military departments (Navy, Air Force, Army) are placed under a single command structure so as to provide effective command and control for operations. There are a total of nine Commands, six of which are regional. Thus the US has divided the world into six Commands, each with a specific area of responsibility. From the enemy's perspective, most of the Muslim world comes under the 'responsibility' of the Central Command (CENTCOM), with the exception of the Islamic Maghreb, where the African Command (AFCOM) operates.

Under this division of roles, the US Navy's Sixth Fleet operates in the Mediterranean. It is commanded by the US Naval Forces European Command. In the Islamic Maghreb, the US has established facilities for drone operations in North Africa and the Saharan region. Most of the training, funds and equipment for the Senegalese military come from the US; while countries in the Saharan region and the Islamic Maghreb also receive training and support for 'anti-terrorism' operations from the US. The US is reportedly establishing a base at Sao Tome and Principe islands off the western coast of Africa. This base would allow the US to monitor and protect the movement of oil tankers along the southern and western coasts of Africa.

In Turkey, Incirlik Air Base at Adana is home to 5000 airmen of the 39th Air Base Wing.[22] The US also maintains a small military presence in Sinai, known as the Task Force Sinai[23], which is a part of the Multinational Force and Observers Mission present in Sinai to oversee the terms of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

South of the Mediterranean region, a network of bases guards American interests in the Horn of Africa, the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. In the Horn of Africa region, the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) has its headquarters at Camp Lemonnier, a US Naval Expeditionary Base situated at the Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport. The CJTF is part of the US Africa Command (USAFCOM). From its headquarters in Djibouti, the US conducts drone strikes and raids against Al-Shabab in Somalia. The base serves as the headquarters for US Navy's operations off the coast of Somalia. The official 'area of responsibility' for the CJTF includes Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Seychelles, and Kenya.

On the other side of the Bab el Mandeb, the US conducts drone operations in Yemen, probably from bases inside Saudi Arabia, as well as Djibouti. The US is reportedly preparing four airstrips for drones in the Horn of Africa region: one in Djibouti, one in Ethiopia, another in Seychelles, and a fourth in either Saudi Arabia or Oman.[24]

The Combined Task Force 151 (a

22 United States Department of Defense, Base Structure Reports, quoted by National Post News Service

23 See Wikipedia: Task Force Sinai

24 National Post News Service



Port Jebel Ali is not only the world's largest man-made harbor, but also the most frequented port by the US Navy outside the United States.


US Air Force Base at Diego Garcia ;-)

multinational task force involving 20 countries) operates in the Gulf of Aden. It was set up by the US Naval Forces Central Command to combat 'piracy and terrorism' in the Gulf of Aden, specially off the coast of Somalia. (It is interesting to note that a Pakistan Navy officer, Rear Admiral Kaleem Shaukat, commanded CTF-151 in 2012[25]! One is justified in asking: what has Pakistan to do with piracy in Somalia or countering Mujahideen in the Horn of Africa?)

In the Persian Gulf region, the US Navy base at Juffair, Bahrain (known as 'US Naval Support Activity', Juffair) serves as the Headquarters of the US Naval Forces Central Command and the US Fifth Fleet.[26] The 'area of responsibility' of the Fifth Fleet includes the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea and the east coast of Africa. In the Persian Gulf region, the US Navy also uses Camp Patriot (Kuwait Naval Base), Fujairah Naval Base (UAE) and Port Jebel Ali in Dubai. Port Jebel Ali is not only the world's largest man-made harbor, but also the most frequented port by the US Navy outside the United States.[27] Almost every American navy sailor who has completed a shipboard tour would have visited the port at least once. The port has berthing facilities for a Nimitz-class[28] Aircraft carrier along with warships of the accompanying battle group.

In the Indian Ocean, the US uses the strategic island of Diego Garcia as a naval and submarine support base. The island serves as a fixed aircraft carrier for air operations. It also provides storage facilities for regional operations, besides hosting black sites for the CIA's rendition program.

Close to the Straits of Malacca, the US makes use of the Sembawang Naval Base in Singapore for logistic support of its Seventh Fleet. The United States has also established a Special Operations Command (SOCPAC), headquartered in Okinawa, Japan. In recent years, it has been deployed in southern Philippines as Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines to conduct 'anti-terrorist' operations in Mindanao.

Besides installations of the US Navy, a network of airbases is present in the Muslim world. Most of these bases are concentrated in the oil-rich Arabian Peninsula, particularly in the Persian Gulf region (see map of US military placement in the Muslim world). Besides these, the US also maintains air bases in Turkey (Incirlik), Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan (Manas, Bishkek) and Pakistan (Jacobabad, Pasni, Dalbadin).

With strategic placement of its forces around key objectives, the US has developed a stranglehold around the Muslim world. This stranglehold is not just military, but also economic. The primary objective of the military component of this stranglehold is deterrence. The US generally uses an indirect approach to achieve its strategic objectives, relying more on economic measures, diplomacy and the threat of overwhelming use of force. It is only where this system of deterrence fails that the US actually engages its foes militarily. By the grace of Allah, the Mujahideen have exposed the weakness of the US military in Afghanistan and Iraq. As the

25 See Wikipedia: Combined Task Force 151

26 The Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), a 25 nation naval coalition to counter 'terrorism' in the Arabian Ocean, Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea is also based in Bahrain (at Manama). The CMF comes under the purview of the US Naval Forces, Central Command.

27 See Wikipedia: Jebel Ali

28 The Nimitz Class aircraft carriers are a class of ten nuclear-powered aircraft carriers in service with the US Navy. These carriers generally have a length of 333 meters and a displacement of 100,000 tons. Nimitz Class carriers are one of the largest warships in the world.



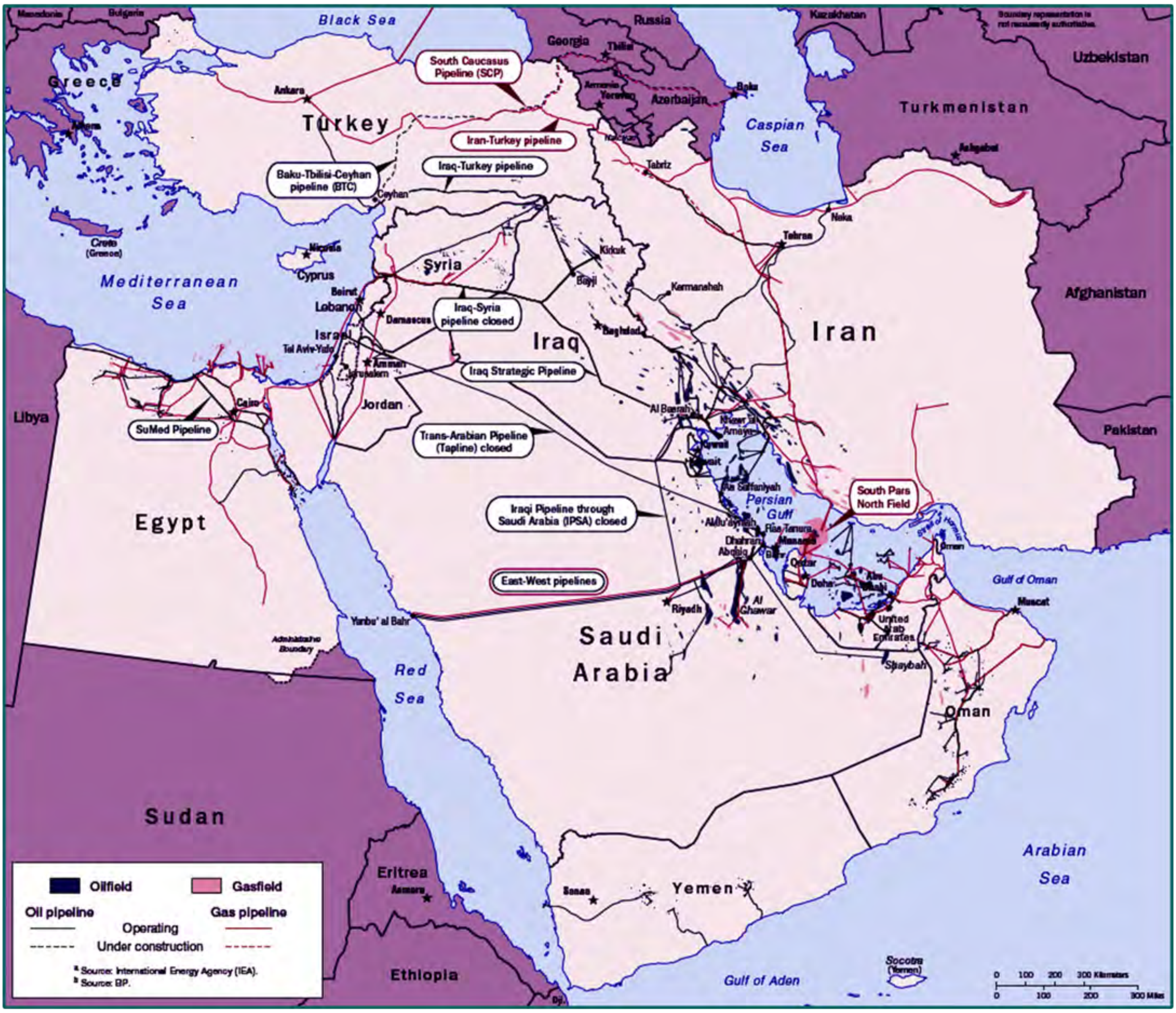
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experiences of these two wars aptly demonstrate, the indirect approach or reliance on deterrence fails when dealing with the Mujahideen.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The challenge that poses itself for the Mujahideen is weakening this stranglehold of the enemy to the point that it is no longer able to effectively meddle in the Muslim world. This requires a multi-pronged strategy that focuses not only on attacking American military presence in the Muslim world, but also targeting the super-extended energy supply line that fuels their economies and helps to sustain their military strength.

SELECTED OIL AND GAS PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



In this context, attacks on west-bound oil shipments in the chokepoints situated in the Muslim world are of immense importance. As we have mentioned earlier, the transportation of oil from refineries and oil terminals in the Muslim world to gasoline stations/service stations in western countries represents the Achilles heel of the oil industry. Even if a single supertanker (or even an ordinary west-bound cargo-vessel) were to be attacked in one of the chokepoints or hijacked and scuttled in one of these narrow sea lanes, the consequences would be phenomenal: a spike in oil prices, an increase in shipping rates, more expensive maritime insurance, and increased military spending to ensure the safety of these sea passages. Simultaneous attacks on western shipping or western oil tankers (a sea-based version of the cargo-plane bomb plot) in more than one chokepoint would bring international shipping to a halt and create a crisis in the energy market. West-bound oil tankers docked at ports/oil terminals also present a valuable target.

The choice of targets in this regard is actually quite diverse, and not limited to targeting western shipping at sea. Western workers working in oil companies in the Muslim world may be targeted. The attacks carried out during May 2004 by the Mujahideen on the Yanbu al Bahr Petro-Chemical Plant and oil facilities in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, stand out as a good example. These attacks left 28 foreigners dead, most of whom were westerners, besides causing a spike in global oil prices.[29] Oil facilities, including terminals and pipelines, which export oil to western countries may also be sabotaged. An example of this is the attempted attack on the Abqaiq oil facility in February 2006. Two explosive-laden vehicles attempted to enter the oil facility, which accounts for the bulk of Saudi Arabia's west-bound oil exports. Although the attack was unsuccessful, because the cars exploded outside the complex when fired upon by guards; but had it succeeded, it would have seriously crippled oil production, possibly bringing down production levels from 6.8 million barrels/day to anywhere around 1 million barrels/day or even less.[30] The string of attacks carried out by the Mujahideen in Sinai in the recent past, which targeted gas pipelines that supply LNG to Israel, are also a good example of economic warfare against the enemy.

Attacks on the US Navy are not in the realm of the impossible either. Some targets, like Port Jebel Ali in Dubai, are too obvious to escape notice. While others, such as Camp Thunder Clove in Diego Garcia, Naval Support Activity in Juffair, Bahrain, and Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti may require a

29 Anne Korin, Gal Luft, Terrorism Goes to Sea, Foreign Affairs, Nov/Dec 2004 (www.cfr.org/world/terrorism-goes-to-sea/p7545)

30 (www.csis.org/media/csis/pubs/060227_abqaiqattack.pdf)



more complex effort to target. However, such targets are no longer beyond the reach and capability of the Mujahideen. The recent attempt by a group of Mujahid officers of the Pakistan Navy to carry out a complex and coordinated attack on the American Navy in the Indian Ocean using warships of the Pakistan Navy aptly demonstrates this point.

By the grace of Allah, the Mujahideen have a presence near most of the strategic chokepoints. The Mujahideen are active in the Atlas Mountains in northern Algeria, with access to the Atlantic. In Sinai, a full-fledged Jihadi movement is taking root. In Somalia, the Mujahideen have access to the coast, and have demonstrated the ability to carry out attacks in the Horn of Africa region outside Somalia. Al Qa'eda in the Arabian Peninsula is active in Aden and has the operational ability to attack western targets in the Gulf. Oil pipelines in Iraq have been sabotaged by the Mujahideen for years. The Bosporus is not beyond the reach of the Mujahideen either. In Nigeria- the United State's fifth largest oil supplier[31]- oil facilities have undergone several attacks (and more sustained attacks would further hurt the US). In Syria, the Mujahideen have recently gained access to the Mediterranean coast. In the Subcontinent, the Mujahideen have only recently demonstrated their ability to plan complex attacks even on 'hard targets' such as the US Navy. And in East Asia, several Jihadi groups have been active in the Philippines and Indonesia.

A coordinated effort to disrupt enemy shipping in the future in all of these regions would not only hurt the enemy economically, but also stretch their resources further in this global war. It is worth noting that the damage caused to the global economy due to piracy (loss of ships, cargo and insurance payments) amounts to some 16 billion dollars annually.

It is narrated on account of Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "I was presented with some of my nation who were going out to fight in the cause of Allah riding the sea like kings on thrones".[32] Umm Haraam heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) saying: "The first of my nation to ride the sea in the cause of Allah are forgiven." The Prophet (peace be upon him) then said: "The first army of my Ummah to attack the city of Caesar are forgiven." The scholars say that this *hadith* is indicative of the special virtue of naval warfare and fighting the Romans (European Christians). It is also narrated that Abdullah bin Amr said: "Allah smiles at the Mujahideen of the sea many times. He first smiles at them when they first ride the ship leaving their families and wealth behind. He smiles at them when the ship starts to rock in the sea. And He smiles at them when they first see the shore."[33,34]

So let us strive to evict the enemy not just from our lands, but also our seas, and in the process earn the reward and honour promised by Allah to those who fight in His cause on the seas. ▯

31 www.cfr.org/world/terrorism-goes-to-sea/p7545

32 Saheeh Ahmad (See Mashari al Ashwaq by Ibn-e-Nuhas, Abridged Version, Translated by Noor Yamani, p. 55)

33 Ibn Abi Shaybah [Mawqoof] (*Ibid.*, p.56)

34 It is mentioned in a *hadith* that when Allah (swt) smiles at a person, he will not be punished in the Hellfire.



We will be back soon, insha'Allah!

"And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allah,
and for those weak, ill-treated and oppressed among men, women, and children,
whose cry is: 'Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors;
and raise for us from You one who will protect,
and raise for us from You one who will help'."
(An-Nisa: 75)



1.2 million homes, **1451** Masajid, **3800** Madrassahs and **194** hospitals have been destroyed by the regime. **1200** Madrassahs have been converted into prisons.

more than **3500** barrel bombs have been dropped on the Syrian population. A barrel bomb weighs between 250-500 kg.

6.5 million Syrians have been forced out of their homes.

3.5 million Syrians are refugees abroad.

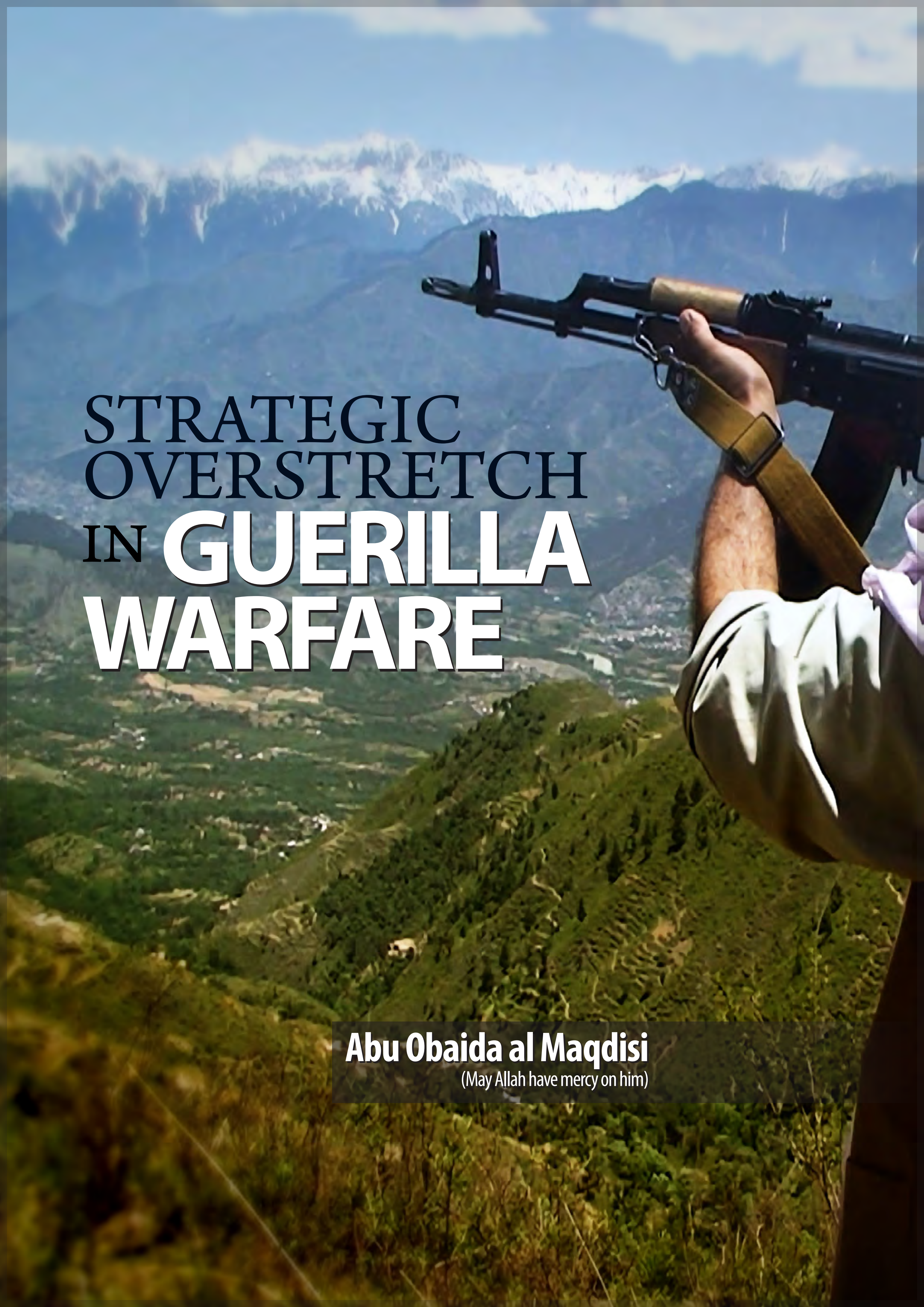
The regime has used chemical gas **31** times, killing at least **1078** civilians (according to conservative estimates), affecting or injuring **9700**.

215,000 people have been arrested by the regime since the start of the war of which...

9000 are children | **5000** are women

238 surface-surface Scud missiles have been used so far against civilian targets

88% of the casualties of the Asad regime's brutality are civilians.



STRATEGIC OVERSTRETCH IN GUERILLA WARFARE

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History tells us that many empires that have held the reins of power on the global stage gradually withdrew into their own shells and declined into oblivion. According to the American historian, Paul Kennedy, this phenomenon is explained by several factors, which include:

1. Overspending on internal security
2. Imperial overstretch
3. Rise of a rival power capable of matching its strength

When great powers take the dangerous road of imperial overstretch without possessing the necessary economic and military capacity to meet the financial strains of this expansion, or after having ignored the possibility of a forced retreat, the result is invariably a gradual but sustained decline. This is the fate that America is facing today.

As much as this phenomenon of 'overstretch' is applicable to nations and empires, it is equally relevant for political movements and jihadi groups engaged in guerilla warfare, irrespective of the time and place of their respective struggles. The dangers faced by these groups are not too dissimilar from those faced by larger entities like states.

Thus, it is of utmost importance for guerilla fighters to develop a thorough understanding of the theory of strategic overreach in guerilla warfare. They must thoroughly understand its various dimensions so that their work does not become a liability for the Jihad.

Forms of Strategic Overreach in Guerilla Warfare

1. Geographic Overstretch

Geographic overstretch may occur when a guerilla force carries out a military advance on areas adjacent to its bases- whether villages or cities- and attempts to establish control over recently acquired territories by setting up fixed bases and fighting a conventional war. There is no doubt that if this expansion is not accompanied by organizing the necessary force required to absorb the consequent losses in a static conventional war (as opposed to a fluid guerilla war), the results may be fatal for the Jihadi group. Mere presence of the necessary force to merely defend a territory is not a sufficient condition for establishing complete control over the same area. What must be studied beforehand- and this is very important- is the way in which the enemy will react to this expansion of control. If the enemy feels that the threat posed by the expansion is existential, it will not spare any effort in destroying this threat. Therefore, it is important to

THREATENING WORDS THAT ARE NOT FOLLOWED BY THREATENING ACTION ARE DAMAGING

calculate every step in military escalation before embarking on this course.

The fact that some areas are free of the enemy's military presence doesn't necessarily imply that you can control and retain these places. Rather, in a lot of cases the enemy intentionally vacates certain areas so that you may fall in the trap of fixed defenses, which will eventually result in your encirclement and destruction. This is the policy of conventional armies in dealing with guerilla groups. Therefore, it is necessary to have a thorough understanding of this strategy.

To further clarify the picture in the minds of the jihadi leadership engaged in military activities, I will give real life examples of the reaction of the enemy in the wake of uncalculated expansion on the ground by guerilla forces.

Our brothers in Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, and specifically in Swat, believed that it was within their capacity to expand their writ on the ground and control Swat and its surrounding territory after the Pakistani Army had vacated these areas. The Mujahideen thus started to extend their control. They advanced forward to control areas (such as Buner) that were adjacent to their main base, Swat. They did not take into account the fact that the area in which they had started to meddle was close to the capital, Islamabad. This, without doubt, implied a direct threat to the capital, the symbol of the state's existence and power. The Army responded to this existential threat by attacking the strongholds of the Taliban with a sweeping ground offensive. In this offensive, wave after wave of soldiers cleared the ground of Taliban presence. The Army achieved its objectives after two million residents were forced to leave the area and take shelter in refugee camps. Had it not been for Allah's protection and the presence of an extremely tough mountainous terrain, the Mujahideen would have been completely wiped out from Swat. We do not intend to exaggerate the enemy's strength, for if you know your strength and that of the enemy you need not fear the result of even a hundred battles. As the Chinese philosophers say, if one is aware of the strength of the enemy as well as one's own strength, victory will be almost certain.

AVOIDING BATTLE AT A GIVEN TIME IS ALSO A METHOD OF FIGHTING.

A successful commander knows when to fight and when to avoid battle. In fact, according to Che Guevera, avoiding battle at a given time is also a method of fighting. If the decision to launch or expand a military operation at a given time is based solely on the capabilities and strength of one's forces or the opportunities available for it- without carrying out a SWOT analysis[1] of the enemy- the result may be a complete military failure. It is imperative to thoroughly study the strengths of the enemy and be one step ahead of his possible reaction before taking the decision to expand on the ground. If it is within the capacity of the guerillas to withstand the outcome of this expansion, they should put their trust in Allah and embark on this course; otherwise they must wait for the right circumstances that may guarantee the Mujahideen a certain victory. It is a mistake to enter a fight in which you are not guaranteed certain victory over the enemy, especially in the early stages of a guerilla war. What I have mentioned here is among the basic principles of military strategy in guerilla warfare; therefore, attention must be paid to this. And it is Allah alone who guides to the right path.

2. Overstretch in Special Operations

New jihadi groups that strive to gain empowerment on earth and establish the rule of Allah in the land, instead of merely inflicting losses on the enemy at the tactical level, should avoid beginning special operations against the enemy until they have guaranteed the basic conditions of their own survival. Carrying out special operations is tantamount to entering into an all out war with the enemy in which the weaker side (usually the Mujahideen) tends to be unprepared for the reaction of the enemy. The enemy will escalate the conflict in reaction to these operations. A sudden escalation of the conflict may, in the end, result in the encirclement of the guerilla force, tightening the noose on it, and turning away supporters who are as important for the guerillas as water is for fish. Just as fish cannot survive outside water, guerilla fighters cannot survive if they are cut off from their supporters. Thus the Mujahideen should avoid taking this step until they possess the ability to carry on the work even after they have carried out such operations.

1 Analysis based on Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Strengths of a force.

UNCALCULATED ACTIONS LEAD TO UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES



A guerilla force may possess the capacity of inflicting huge blows on the enemy, but it may be better for it to restrain from doing so in situations when the reaction of the enemy may be overwhelming. The environment for conducting spectacular special operations is never conducive until the guerilla force has attained sufficient strength and has become invulnerable to the power of the enemy. It is only after reaching this level of strength that it is possible to direct decisive blows against the enemy. The basic principle, therefore, is to take into account the reaction of the enemy before every step in the escalation of the conflict so that decisions appropriate only for the final stages of the war may not be made prematurely.

However, if conditions are not conducive for a successful guerilla war, as is the case in many Muslim countries today, then the only possible aim of starting jihad in such a theatre would be to inflict losses on the enemy so as to distract its attention away from the main front of war. In such a situation, special operations alone should be carried out. A point in case is the Land of the Two Sanctuaries (Saudi Arabia). It is necessary for the Mujahideen to target this state so that it remains entangled in its own security problems and is unable to interfere in other fronts such as Afghanistan, Yemen, Iraq, (and now Syria) for the Mujahideen have never faced a calamity except that the Saudi royal family had a hand in it. Verily there is no might and power except for Allah.

3. Overstretch in Media Activities

This phenomenon of overstretch is not limited to military operations alone, but extends to the field of media as well. The media is like a windpipe through which the guerilla fighters breathe, and the same is true for their enemy. Guerilla war in its essence is based on gaining legitimacy for the struggle and winning people's hearts and minds. Strategists of war, such as Robert Taber

A CASE OF IMPERIAL OVERSTRETCH: DESTROYED SOVIET TANKS LITTER A FORMER SOVIET BASE IN AFGHANISTAN



“The guerilla must be like the calm that precedes a storm; his footprints seen, but only at an appropriate time and place, and according to an appropriate plan.”

in his book ‘The War of the Flea’, say that the one who earns legitimacy wins the war. Experience is testimony to this dictum.

Hence, it is important that the guerilla forces and their leadership address the people according to their level of understanding. They must step up the ante in their media statements in a very gradual manner, considering what is suitable in the situation at hand and taking into account the mental level of the ordinary people. They must reassure the people that their lives and livelihood will be protected. They should avoid meddling in the worldly concerns of ordinary people. The guerilla forces must use assuring words to win the heart of the people, especially the leaders, elders, and decision makers within them. They must address the people in a calculated manner, balancing potential benefit against potential harm. It is not necessary that everything that is known must be said. We cannot state, at all times and in all places, every truth we believe in. Rather, stating each one of these truths is subject to a process of acceptance and rejection. Whatever is said must be in accordance with the level of mental understanding of the audience. This is something that has been emphasized by many people of knowledge over the ages.



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERLOAD MAY BRING THINGS TO A HALT...

Adopting a menacing tone in the media is an example of futile expansion in media activities, especially when the guerilla fighters are still at an early stage in their war. This is even more so the case when they lack the ability to fulfill their promises or follow up their threats with action. As a result, people lose confidence in the guerilla fighters, and thus we fail to neutralize in our war those who could be neutralized, even if temporarily.

It is foolish to challenge everyone to fight the Mujahideen. The life of the Prophet (peace be upon him) teaches us how to neutralize the enemy without necessarily engaging in a fight with him. Threatening words that are not followed by threatening action are damaging because they expose the weakness of the guerillas and their lack of ability to act on their promises. This further bolsters the opponent and creates new enemies for the guerilla fighter which he did not need in the first place.

The tone in the media must be in sync with and proportionate to the actual abilities of the organization, especially when it comes to issuing menacing threats and promising special operations. The guerilla must be like the calm that precedes a storm; his footprints seen, but only at an appropriate time and place, and according to an appropriate plan. Arrogance and false hopes have no place in the heart of someone who wishes to give victory to this religion. Rather what matters is seriousness of purpose, sincere efforts, expending all available energy, and then putting one’s trust in Allah, Who alone grants success.

4. Overstretch in Organizational Activities

Among the examples of overstretch that is fatal in guerilla war is overexpansion of organizational activities. This occurs when organizational activities are expanded in disregard of the real capacity of the organization to absorb the effects of an expansion. This includes accepting new recruits into the organizations, and the difficulties in administration, training, capacity building, and provision of arms and security that follow. As a result the organization takes on the burden



of responsibilities which in reality exceed its abilities and the practical opportunities available for it on the ground. This in turn creates hurdles in the movement's progress. The organization begins a backward slide, differences surface, and fissures appear in the group due to a lack of uniformity within its members and an inability to respond to their needs. This makes the members of the group a burden on it. If this process is accompanied by dwindling or even static financial resources, and lack of an administrative cadre capable of imparting training, the crisis deepens. The situation becomes even more acute when there is a communication gap between the leadership and the cadre. There are many reasons, know to practitioners of guerilla war, due to which such a gap may develop.

Therefore, it is imperative that expansion in organizational activities must be carefully studied beforehand; taking into account all its dimensions and the results that will follow. This decision should be based on the capacity of the organization to deliver in the most difficult of times, so that the numbers of the organization do not become a subtle source of pressure on those overseeing the Jihadi work.

Conclusion

The leadership of the Jihad must not be deceived by its capabilities or the number of supporters and allies. This factor, in guerilla wars, is often impermanent. People tend to follow the strong and experience is the best guide. People may become believers during the day and disbelievers and sinners at night. This is more so the case in these turbulent times in which the Jihadi movement is surrounded by conspiracies and intrigues. We ask Allah to ruin the plots of the enemy, make them fall in the traps of their own making, and turn the tide of events against them, for verily He is capable of this.

(*Maqalat fi as Siyasah wal Fikr,* Abu Obaida al Maqdisi)





WHAT IS THE RULING OF THE CONTAINERS? SHOULD THE CONTAINERS BE BURNT OR TAKEN AS SPOILS?

AN IMPORTANT RULING REGARDING CONTAINERS THAT SUPPLY GOODS FOR AMERICAN AND NATO FORCES



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What is the opinion of the honourable jurists regarding the following matter?
The containers that supply goods for American forces are loaded with different kinds of goods. If the Mujahideen confiscate these containers:

- What is the ruling of the goods? Should they be burnt or treated as spoils of war?
- What is the ruling of the driver of such a container? Should he be killed, imprisoned, released after payment of ransom money, or physically beaten and set free?
- What is the ruling of the container when it is the private property of the driver? Should the container be burnt or taken as booty?

Kindly give a reasoned and detailed answer in the light of definitive proofs.

Questioner: Abdullah

All praise belongs to Allah (swt) and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.
The answer is as follows:
Let us start off by making it clear that the wealth and property that comes into the hands of the Mujahideen as a result of overcoming the disbelievers during jihad in the path of Allah (i.e. fighting) is referred to as "Spoils of War" in Shariah.
In the above mentioned scenario, if the Mujahideen expropriate the logistic supplies of the Americans, such goods should be treated as spoils of war, whatever the nature of the goods in question. The initial battles of the Prophet and his Companions were of this nature. Whenever the Prophet (peace be upon him) received information that a trade caravan of the Quraish was leaving Syria for Makkah via Madina, he (peace be upon him) dispatched a team of the Companions to pursue it. Several such expeditions were sent in the days immediately following the Hijrah (migration) to Madinah.
Disrupting trade and economic activities of the disbelievers, and specially cutting off supplies for their soldiers during war, and taking possession of their supplies as spoils of war in order to undermine their power, is not only permissible but absolutely necessary if we wish to stop their transgression against Muslims.
It should be made clear that it is considered totally Haram in Shariah for Muslims to befriend disbelievers, contribute to their strength, or cooperate with them in anyway, especially when this leads to harmful consequences for Muslims.
The Quran repudiates anyone who, after having been warned, befriends the disbelievers or helps them, whether directly or indirectly, intentionally or otherwise. Such people have been threatened with a great punishment.
Allah (swt) says in the Quran:

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ لَا تَتَّخِذُوا۟ ٱلْيَهُودَ وَٱلنَّصَٰرَىٰٓ أَوْلِيَآءَ ۘ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَآءُ بَعْضٍ ۚ وَمَن يَتَوَلَّهُم مِّنكُمْ فَإِنَّهُۥ مِنْهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِى ٱلْقَوْمَ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ ○

"O you who believe! Do not take friends from the Jews and the Christians, as they are but friends of each other. And if any among you befriends them, then surely, he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the wrongdoers."(Al Maidah: 51)

Therefore, supplying goods for American soldiers or helping them in any way is totally Haram, and a cause of Allah's displeasure.
In the scenario presented by the questioner, those who are involved in the transportation of supplies for the occupying armies of NATO and America, whether they own the containers or not, are committing the cardinal sin of providing support to these armies against Muslims and are thus guilty of performing a Haram (impermissible) act.
On the basis of clear evidence from the Quran and Sunnah, any Muslim who helps and supports the disbelievers by any means, whether by fighting alongside them or providing them weapons, is an enemy of Islam and a criminal according to the Shariah. Therefore, if such Muslims are caught in a war zone it is permissible to imprison them and, if necessary, kill them. As regards their imprisonment, it is also permissible to release them after payment of ransom.
The ruling of the container is the same as the ruling for the goods therein, i.e. if the Mujahideen take the container into their possession in a war zone, they may consider it as part of their booty.
Allah (swt) knows best.

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UNCLE TOM meets UNCLE SAM

Nawaz: Obama Sahib... your admistration keeps complaining how the ISI is not five hundred percent in your pocket. To check the ISI's power and bring it under my foot, I have started giving wide powers to the Pakistani pulice. I have also introduced a new anti-terror Ordnance, i.e. Protection of Amreeka Ordnance[1]. You know… arrest without waarent, 3 months remand for people who don't like Uncle Sam... special courts and esclusive thanas... I mean pulice stations for mixcreants who disturb our peace...

Obama: That's rule of law, the American way. I wonder why Congress didn't consult you before passing the Patriot Act?!

Nawaz: Hain Jee...you mean I am so patriotic!

Obama: Well, not exactly… but let's get down to business: when are you cleaning up the mess in Waziristan?

(1) Protection of Pakistan Ordinance 2013, which introduced draconian changes to the existing so-called 'Anti-Terror' laws in Pakistan.

Nawaz: Business! That's my favourite. I'll do business anywhere, even on the moon.

Obama: You didn't get my point. I said when are you cleaning the mess in Waziristan?

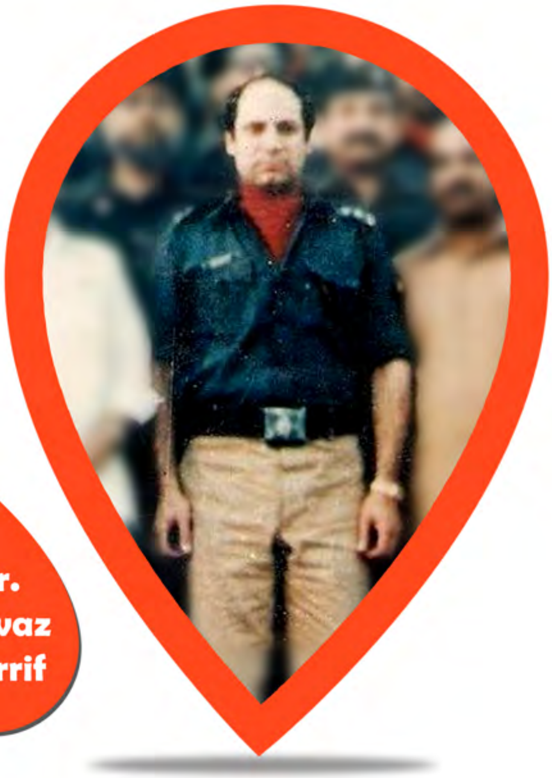
Nawaz: Sir, let me explain you...there are two big messes in Waziristan... one for officers in Miranshah camp, other in Wana camp... both cleaned everyday by Raheel's men.

Obama: I appreciate your intelligence.

Nawaz: Actually intelligence is still in the hands of those men in khaki that Almas Bobby[2] left behind… Working hard with Nisar to sizedown them. I even paid a surprise visit to the ISI headquarters just to check they don't bunk off during office hours like I do to eat Siri Pai in Anarkali...

Obama: Eat what??

(2) To learn more about Almas Bobby, see the next page...



Mr. Nawaz Sherrif

Nawaz: Goat head and foot… my favourite!

Obama: Mr. Sherrif, just tell me one thing: when are you sorting out things along the Afghan border? My boys on the eastern side of the Afghan border keep demanding more diapers for aggressive patrolling.

Nawaz: Sadee jee gal aey! I mean very simple. We stick to Zardari formula: you keep money flowing, we keep intelligence flowing for your without pilot drones. And plz don't mind the noise we make about peace and bringing full stop to your drone service.

Obama: Money? Haha! the FED will just print more dollars. Btw, why in hell would I mind the rants from your ministers? You think I don't know how democracy works?

Nawaz: Sir, democracy reminds me one puzzle. You claim you are with democracy, but what you did with Mursi in Egypt? I am actually twice bitten once shy. Laghari bit me once, and then Musharraf bit me sooo hard that it still hurts. You know I am not bad like Mursi, but you know...just afraid for my third stint in power.

Obama: Ha, ha... Who says we don't believe in democracy. We sure do... as long as it brings the right guys to power. And when it doesn't, there is a whole lot of rhyming stuff that I can pull out from my bag of tricks.

Nawaz: Hain Jee... Like watt?

Obama: Plutocracy, corporatocracy, and my favourite… hypocrisy.



Almas Bobby: 1. Head of the Organization Representing Eunuchs in Pakistan. In Pakistan, eunuchs normally add 'Bobby' to their name. Officers in the army referred to General Kiyani as Almas Bobby.

2. General Kiyani was due to retire by the end of 2010, but since the army had run out of real men, therefore, the Army's High Command decided to wait for three years for one to emerge. After three years, they discovered Raheel Sharif. To the amusement of this nation, three days after his appointment, Raheel Sharif's own family members disclosed that he too was nicknamed 'Bobby'!

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